

Islamists kill 24 more in Algeria — press

ALGIERS (AFP) — At least 24 people have been killed in new massacres blamed on Islamists in Algeria, newspapers reported Monday. A family of seven traveling Friday to Mascara from the northwestern port of Oran was forced to stop at a fake checkpoint by armed Islamists who slit their throats, the Al Khabar daily reported. The killers stopped two other people nearby and also slit their throats, the paper said. Since July 15, a total of 449 people have been massacred in Algeria, according to a toll compiled by AFP from press reports. According to foreign estimates now more than one-year-old, more than 60,000 people have died in Algeria since the military-backed government cancelled January 1992 elections that the Islamic Salvation Front, now outlawed, was about to win. Algerian opposition parties say the death toll is closer to 100,000.

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King calls on Prince Rashed

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Monday called on His Royal Highness Prince Rashed Ben Al Hassan and his friend Zeid Omar Bdeir who are both recuperating at the King Hussein Medical Centre after sustaining injuries in a car accident on Wadi Araba Highway last Friday. The King was reassured by doctors that their condition is stable. Their Royal Highnesses Crown Prince Hassan and Princess Sarvath received the King along with members of the Royal family and dignitaries.

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U.S. delegation touring region makes a stop in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) — A U.S. Congress delegation led by Benjamin Gillman arrived here Monday on a two-day official visit during which they will hold talks with senior Jordanian officials. The American delegation is on a tour in the region.

Israeli post heavily damaged in Hizbollah attack

BEIRUT (AFP) — Hizbollah guerrillas launched a heavy rocket and mortar attack against an Israeli army outpost in south Lebanon early Monday, causing extensive damage but no casualties, officials said. The outpost, located in the eastern sector of the buffer zone Israel occupies along Lebanon's southern border, was hit by anti-tank rockets, Sagger missiles and mortar shells, an Israeli army spokesman said in Tel Aviv. The Iranian-backed Hizbollah said in a statement received here that "the main fortifications at the position were destroyed" in an attack using "anti-tank rockets and automatic weapons." There has been an upsurge in fighting in southern Lebanon since the start of the month, with one Israeli soldier and 14 Lebanese being killed. Israel has also carried out a number of air raids against positions of Hizbollah and other anti-Israeli groups operating from Lebanon. Hizbollah spearheads armed resistance against the Israeli occupation.

Kuwait to inspect imported meat for bacteria

KUWAIT (R) — Kuwait will inspect imported meat for E. Coli bacteria after a U.S. firm recalled 540,000 kilograms of hamburger due to possible contamination, a newspaper reported on Monday. "The municipality will coordinate with the health ministry to inspect the origin of imported meat," Abdul Rahman Al Houti, chairman of the municipal council, told Al Watan newspaper. "The concerned authorities will not hesitate to confiscate any amount of meat," he added. On Friday, the U.S. Department of Agriculture ordered Hudson Foods Inc. to recall some 1.2 million pounds of frozen ground beef from the U.S. market for fear of contamination with a deadly strain of E. Coli. Kuwait's public health ministry laboratories will start inspection of imported meat Tuesday, said Watan. Officials said some Kuwaiti food firms imported meat from the U.S.

Egypt hands over to Bahrain fugitive wanted on murder charge

CAIRO (AFP) — Egypt has handed over to Bahrain a fugitive Bahraini national wanted in connection with murder and arson, the Egyptian news agency MENA reported Monday. It did not say when the handover took place but said that the suspect was apprehended and arrested in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria. The Egyptian authorities arrested the suspect, who "admitted his crime," after receiving a request from Bahrain, MENA said.

## King calls on citizens to exercise rights in 'free and fair' elections

TAFIEH (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein said Monday that the parliamentary elections in November will be free and fair, and the door will be open for observers to monitor elections and see how the people of Jordan lay the foundations for the democratic process in their country.

Addressing a rally in the town of Tafieh, in southern Jordan, where he was accorded a tumultuous welcome, the King said: "The coming elections will be exemplary as I promised you and it will be similar to the previous elections. The door is open for anyone from any place to come and monitor the election process because we want others to learn from us and to see how the Jordanian people contribute to laying the foundations of the democratic march and their future."

The King said the elections will be held on schedule but will be preceded by the dissolution of the 12th Parliament.

"Anyone who finds himself eligible to run should



His Majesty King Hussein upon his arrival in Tafieh is received by thousands of cheering citizens. Last week, the King visited Aqaba and Ma'an as part of his continuous efforts to call on the Kingdom's governors in order to study their needs and answer their questions (Photo by Yousef Allam)

nominate himself for the coming battle alongside other candidates," said the King, noting that the registration of voters in the past week exceeded all expectations.

Referring to dialogue with the opposition, the King said, "dialogue has been going on amongst us and will not stop because it is not a dialogue among enemies but rather among

brothers who are trying to serve the common interests of the country. It is a dialogue based on mutual respect between the people."

Referring to the Muslim Brotherhood who decided to boycott the elections, the King said, "I must reiterate the Muslim Brotherhood had attained the present status because they had chosen the right road of work and

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## Israel to transfer part of frozen funds to PNA; Masri demands full amount

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — Rewarding Palestinian security cooperation, Israel decided Monday to release to the Palestinians 30 per cent of the tax refunds it had frozen after a suicide bombing in a Jerusalem market.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu approved the money transfers after the Palestinians provided some help in the investigation of the July 30 bombing that killed 16 people, including two assailants, a statement by Netanyahu's office said. Palestinian security officials also helped Israel find the body of an Israeli taxi driver who was abducted and killed by Palestinian car thieves in the West Bank last week.

In all, some \$7.5 million would be paid, Netanyahu aides said. The figure is much lower than the \$70 million the Palestinians say Israel owes them in total. The sum includes tax refunds, such as value-added tax on goods Palestinian merchants buy from Israeli wholesalers.

The decision to pay some money "is a partial step in

response to partial steps by the PNA," the Israeli statement said.

"We got the information we asked for on the terrorist strike and we are releasing the money according to a sliding scale," said Mr. Netanyahu's senior adviser, David Bar-Illan.

However, Mr. Bar-Illan said, the Palestinians have not cracked down on Islamists operating in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. "For us, this is the most important thing," he said.

The government said it would further ease restrictions imposed on the Palestinians if Palestinian President Yasser Arafat crushed the infrastructure of terror groups. Mr. Arafat said he believed the two bombers in the Jerusalem attack were sent from abroad.

A British newspaper reported that the head of Israel's Shin Bet security service is currently meeting with colleagues in London to investigate suspicions that the bombers entered Israel with British passports.

The Palestinian Economics Minister Maher Masri,

### Egypt, PNA discuss future of peace process

CAIRO (AFP) — Egyptian Foreign Minister Amr Musa on Monday held talks here with Palestinian International Cooperation Minister Nabil Shaath on ways of saving the peace process from collapse.

"Egyptian-Palestinian coordination is the main base for saving the peace process," Mr. Shaath said. He said he discussed with Mr. Musa the future of the peace process as well as an expected visit to the region in September by U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright which he described as "important."

Ms. Albright said this month that she would be coming to the region to help bring Israel and the Palestinians back to the negotiating table following the double suicide bombing in a Jerusalem market last month which killed 14 Israelis.

"Israel's policies, its actions against the Palestinian people such as the [economic] blockade, the destruction of homes and settlements are the real threat to the peace process," Mr. Shaath said.

"Israel is waging a war of hunger on the Palestinian people," he stressed.

said Israel's decision to release some tax refunds was not enough. "We don't accept these compromises. We need to be paid in full, and we need to be paid on time," Mr. Masri told the Associated Press.

The U.S. had pressured Israel's government to resume the money transfers, saying the measure was counterproductive to

efforts to resume stalled peace talks.

In a sign of renewed security cooperation, Israeli, Palestinian and American security officials met Sunday to discuss the investigation of the bombing. Israel radio said the atmosphere was so good that the

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## Israeli police indicted for beating Palestinians

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) — Three Israeli paramilitary border policemen were charged on Monday with kidnapping and assaulting two Palestinians earlier in the month.

An indictment released by the justice ministry said the policemen took the two men to an isolated beat where they continually beat them, hitting them on the head, chest and limbs.

They were rounding up Palestinians who had entered Israel without permits in the face of a closure imposed on the West Bank after a July 30 suicide bombing in Jerusalem.

The indictment said the policemen tied the legs of one the men with a rope

attached to their jeep and dragged him several metres.

The policemen continued to brutalise the other Arab "even after he began to beg to show him mercy because he suffered from heart problems," the charge sheet said.

Israel's Channel One Television broadcast several days ago an interview with the two Palestinians, Ahmad Moussa and Mahmoud Ghneim, who lay side by side in hospital.

During the interview Mr. Moussa, breathing heavily through a hospital mask, said, "each one of them carried a club and administered beatings. One of them asked me if my chest was

all right and hit me in the chest. There were three who hit me."

"One of them pointed an M-16 rifle at my head — he pointed the rifle next to my ear and told me, 'now you'll get out of here. If I see you again, I will kill you. You must die.'"

In a separate incident earlier this month an Israeli court sentenced to eight months in jail two other border policemen filmed brutalising Palestinians.

The videotape showed the two policemen kicking some of the Palestinians in the head, kneeling one in the stomach, forcing others to do push-ups and riding one man like a donkey.

### Tunisia asks representative to leave Israel

TEL AVIV (AP) — Tunisia has ordered the head of its 15-month-old interest office in Israel to "leave quietly" and return home, an Israeli newspaper reported Monday.

Khamis Ginawi told Yediot Ahronot he received instructions two weeks ago from the Tunisian foreign ministry to leave Israel. He was expected to return home this weekend, Yediot Ahronot said. The report signalled a further deterioration in the relations between Israel and the Arab World since the collapse of the Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.

Since the historic accords between Israel and the PLO in 1993, Israel had developed ties to several Arab countries.

## Politicians call on government to exert more effort in dialogue for sake of democratic march

By Sa'eda Kilani  
Jordan Times Staff  
Reporter

AMMAN — The government should exert further efforts and show more willingness to smooth over differences with the opposition in order to preserve the democratic march from collapse, politicians say.

Independent personalities from different political shades Monday cast doubt on the seriousness of the government in initiating political reform and adopting initiatives to defuse tension in the political atmosphere. Although politicians, interviewed by the Jordan Times, expressed mixed feelings vis-a-vis the outcome of the prospected dialogue between the government and the opposition, they all agreed that the government of Abdul Salam Majali has to show more willingness to take drastic changes and not only talk about them.

"What does the government mean by 'undebatable issues'? Does this statement show the government's seriousness in reaching a common ground with the opposition?" questioned former deputy Fares Nabulsi. "In this (indifferent atmosphere) there is nothing

called dialogue." Lawyer Nabulsi, who signed along with around one hundred political personalities a statement criticising what they called a major setback for democracy, expressed little hope in the "change of attitude" of the government towards promoting public freedoms and enhancing democracy.

He even said that the statement, in which political personalities threatened to boycott the upcoming parliamentary elections unless the government takes drastic moves to change the status quo, comes at a late time.

"The decision to boycott the elections (by the Muslim Brotherhood, opposition parties, and politicians) should have been taken four years ago when the temporary one-person, one-vote electoral system was imposed," Mr. Nabulsi said. "Now it is too late."

In the statement, signed by several prominent personalities including former prime ministers Ahmad Obeidat and Taher Masri and released on Sunday, politicians accused the government of abusing and using powers uncontrollably. Not only that, "but the Constitution and the law have become tools in the

hands of any government to be used as a basis for arbitrary action and imposing more restrictions on the people, especially the backward Press and Publications Law."

"Because the parliamentary elections are considered one of the pillars of real democracy, the first prerequisite to the practice of this right is the ensurance of real and equal chances for all citizens. Otherwise, the parliamentary system will turn into one form of disguised tyranny," said the statement.

But, "instead of respecting the different political opinions in the framework of national dialogue and freedom of expression, the government started to classify people in accordance with their political affiliation, whether they are supporters or opponents of the regime... in the light of this regression, we warn against the application of the one-person, one-vote electoral system that will exacerbate national unity and tarnish the image of democracy. The dominance of these circumstances urge us to boycott the elections, in nomination and in voting," the statement added.

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## UNICEF sees peril in falling aid to developing countries

NEW YORK (Agencies) — The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) is deeply concerned by new figures showing that aid to developing countries fell to an all-time low in 1996.

Carol Bellamy, UNICEF's executive director, said Monday.

Despite a steady rise in the number of people with incomes of less than \$1-a-day, overall aid to developing countries last year tumbled four per cent in real

terms over 1995, to \$55.1 billion from \$58.9 billion, according to a report released by the 29-nation Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

"Let us be clear about what is at stake here," Ms. Bellamy said. "These are more than numbers in an accounting ledger; they represent a threat to millions of children and to the societies in which they are growing up. They are a tes-

tament to the persistence of appalling global inequalities — and to the international community's shameful failure to eradicate them."

Ms. Bellamy noted that, according to U.N. estimates, 1.3 billion people are trapped in absolute poverty — 650 million of them children — and their numbers are growing in every region of the world

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A Palestinian woman shouts at Israeli troops that prevented her from going to her family home Monday as an army bulldozer tears down a recently built wing of it (Reuters photo)

## Israel's army continues to demolish Palestinian homes

HEBRON (AFP) — The Israeli army demolished three Palestinian homes near Hebron Monday, pursuing its drive to destroy Arab houses built without formal permits from the occupation authorities, witnesses said.

The first house destroyed belonged to Mohammad Shahadeh Rajabi, 33, and was built near a by-pass road used by settlers from Kiryat

Arba, a Jewish settlement north of Hebron.

The second home belonged to Naaman Imran Shabani, 60, and was uninhabited, while the third home was in the village of Beit-Umr and belonged to 40-year-old Nabil Abu Ayash, witnesses said.

Israeli policy is to destroy Arab homes and other structures built without govern-

ment permits in the occupied territories.

Palestinians complain that the authorities rarely grant such permits even when requested. There had been a lull of several months in the demolitions, apparently to avoid worsening tensions between Israelis and Palestinians sparked by widespread construction of Jewish settlements.







## Agenda-21 project hosts media workshop

By Hind-Lara Mango  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Agenda-21 project hosted a one-day media workshop Monday in order to introduce its objectives and highlight sustainable development concepts.

"We hope that sustainable development will become part of our daily vocabulary," Agenda-21 Project Manager Dr. Riyad Musa maintained. "The media is an important tool in spreading sustainable development awareness."

He described sustainable development as utilising natural and human resources in a way that such might last for a long time.

Agenda-21 stems from the 1992 Rio Earth Summit where "aim was to find an equitable balance between the economic, social and environmental needs of present and future generations while focusing on sustainable development," Dr. Musa stated.

Therefore, the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) launched Agenda-21 in Jordan, in cooperation with the General Corporation for Environmental Protection (GCEP), in 1996.

Agenda-21 is a national project incorporating both official and non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in all fields relating to sustainable development.

"The project is directed towards forming a national policy for sustainable development in Jordan for the next century," said GCEP acting General Director Faris Junaidi.

According to Dr. Musa, six task forces have been formed to encourage sustainable development in Jordan. The workshop fell within the awareness, media, education, and information category.

Other task forces, he said, include the sustainable management of natural resources and energy, environmental management, pollution control and public health.

"Base-line reports and the agenda are in the process of being finalised," Dr. Musa explained. "Work has been divided amongst task forces. These work in all areas of sustainable development ranging from natural resources to public health."

Agenda-21 targets women as important agents in sustainable development. This project defines women as managers of the environment and as such they influence society, Dr. Musa asserted.

"National experts are preparing the country's priorities for the coming century," he added.

Currently, Agenda-21 is embarking on an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) system for Jordan.

"Jordan does not currently hold its own EIA system, but employs donor systems from USAID, and the World Bank," Dr. Musa said. "This is another method of sustainable development."

## Al Amal Cancer Centre bemoans lack of patients

AMMAN (J.T.) — The government must assist Al Amal Cancer Centre in offering cancer therapies and cease referring patients for treatment abroad, Minister of Social Development Mohammad Mamser stated Monday.

He said that government departments and public hospitals have heretofore referred no cancer patients to the centre, and have instead directed these for treatment abroad.

Other patients, Dr. Mamser said, have been interned in private hospitals for treatment.

Medicine and drugs found at the centre are nearing their expiry dates, and the centre is lacking funds to pay staff salaries and other expenses such as water and electricity, the minister told the Jordan News Agency, Petra.

According to Dr. Mamser, a group of economists and physicians have established a charitable organisation, entitled Al Shifaa Amal Society, designed to direct the centre.

The Ministry of Social Development has officially designated the society's 80-member founding assembly and 15-member board of trustees as a charitable society that the group might assume ownership of the centre, he explained.

Al Amal Cancer Centre cannot simply be run by a charitable society as such a task requires specialised technical skills as well as procedural and administrative work, Dr. Mamser maintained.

He suggested that a national non-profit organisation be created precisely for such a task, and that the government enact special legislation for the organisational sphere of the centre, whose annual operational costs are currently estimated at JD 10 million.

Al Amal Cancer Centre is presently run by a task force, headed by General Union of Volunteering Societies (GUVS) President Dr. Abdullah Khatib.

Dr. Khatib previously estimated that 3,000 to 4,000 cancer patients are diagnosed annually in Jordan.

Al Amal Cancer Centre's 120 bed in-patient facility is equipped for highly-advanced therapies such as bone marrow transplants and adult and paediatric chemotherapy.

The centre includes outpatient clinics, radio-diagnostic, radio-therapy and nuclear medicine departments.

Doctors and nurses working therein have acquired specialised training in the United States.

If no patients are referred by public and private health organisations to Al Amal Cancer Centre, the facility could be transformed into a general hospital, as its present task force is unable to raise funds to cover the centre's operational costs, Dr. Mamser admonished.

## Police arrest six women on theft allegations

By Rana Haseini  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Police Monday announced the arrest of six women on allegations of swindling individuals in Zarqa, an official source said.

The official source stated that the women, whom he declined to identify, were also running several brothels in Zarqa.

He said that several individuals complained to police that these women would lure them to houses, then steal valuable belongings.

"Based on this information, police put

several suspected women under surveillance, and apprehended them in a brothel which belonged to one of the women in Zarqa," the source said.

He said that all six women were transferred to the Zarqa criminal prosecutor for further investigation.

Also in Zarqa, police confirmed that they apprehended a 20-year old man who, Monday morning, struck and killed a woman on the Zarqa highway.

Layla Abdul Rahman, 49, was struck by a vehicle while crossing a highway and instantly killed, a police official said.

He told the Jordan Times Monday that

the suspect, Amjad Mohammad, was apprehended shortly following the accident.

"Mr. Mohammad called us from his mobile phone to inform us that he had hit the woman and he turned himself in," the police official said.

In Mudaba, a 25-year-old Egyptian national drowned in a water reservoir at a farm in the Zeytouneh area, according to Civil Defence Department (CDD) reports.

The victim, Malek Thaber Mahmoud, accidentally fell in the reservoir and drowned, the reports said.

## U.S. congressional delegation arrives in Jordan

AMMAN (J.T.) — A U.S. congressional delegation, headed by Representative Benjamin A. Gilman, arrived in Amman yesterday on a two-day visit to Jordan as a part of a regional tour, according to a U.S. embassy statement Monday.

Mr. Gilman is chairman of the House (of Representatives) International Relations Committee and member of the House Committee on Government Reform and Oversight, the statement said.

During his visit, Mr. Gilman and his delegation are scheduled to meet with senior Jordanian government officials.

Mr. Gilman's accompanying delegation includes Gary Aekerman, member

of the House International Relations Committee; Eliot Engel, member of the House Committee on Commerce; Alice L. Hastings, member of the House International Relations Committee and the Committee on Science; and Eni Facchinetti, member of the House International Relations Committee and the Committee on Resources.

## UNDP grants \$200,900 for environmental projects

By Ghaila Ahul  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Monday awarded approximately \$200,900 to five non-governmental organisations (NGOs) to implement different projects designed to support local communities in tackling a range of environmental issues.

The award comes under the Small Grant Programme, which advocates a grassroots and innovative approach in protecting the ecosystem, and is financed by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), according to a UNDP statement.

"We are proud to see the five organisations working very closely with ordinary Jordanians... there are projects for men, women and young people who are all [ensuring the] preservation of natural resources," said UNDP Resident Representative Jorgen Lissner.

As part of the Small Grants Programme's efforts to encourage the participation of women in preserving the environment, the Cooperative Rural Women's Society in Deir Alla was named as one of the recipients.

The society's project will teach low-income women farmers to reduce the use of toxic chemicals and avoid land degradation, through integrated pest management techniques, the statement said.

The project, which is also supported by the German Agency for Technical Cooperation (GTZ), will be used as a model for farmers in other parts of the country, it added.

"Women tend to be more involved and concerned with the environment as they are responsible for some of the daily activities which either harm or strengthen it," according to Mr. Lissner.

The Jordanian Forum for Environment and Population Culture is one of the beneficiaries which will use the award to increase awareness of environmental conservation and eco-tourism by organising summer camps, school visits and youth workshops in Madaba.

Another recipient is the Friends of Environment (FOE) which group will use the grant to implement a national environmental awareness campaign in schools and establish a network for dialogue between students through the Internet, according to the statement.

"It is clear that the high degree of environmental awareness in many countries is found among young children, therefore one of the projects is intended to create environmental awareness programmes for schoolchildren," Mr. Lissner affirmed.

The Intermediate Technology Work Group for the Wadi Faynan Project will use the GEF grant to promote eco-tourism by improving the infrastructure of a campsite in Wadi Faynan, an archae-

ological environmental area south of the Dead Sea, the statement said.

It added that the project will employ environmentally friendly technology such as the use of solar power for energy generation.

The Jordanian Society for Desertification Control and Reforestation is another beneficiary which is planning to transform 150 dunums of barren land northeast of Amman into a national park.

According to the statement, the trees planted in this park will help protect biodiversity, soil structure and have positive impact on the climatological status of the desert and semi-arid regions in Jordan.

Since the GEF was launched in the 1992 Rio Earth Summit, it has allocated \$500,000 to 12 different Jordanian NGOs, Mr. Lissner affirmed.

He added that this grant money "is the second tranche awarded to Jordanian NGOs. Women and youth are very important groups for this programme, and we feel that this programme has a future in Jordan and we are working hard to get the third tranche."

The GEF Small Grants Programme, managed by UNDP in various countries, gives priority to initiatives which address critical environmental threats in areas of climate change, biodiversity, desertification, land degradation and international waters, the statement said.

## Ministry awards JD 500,000 contract for preparation of water network designs

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Water and Irrigation Monday awarded the Jordanian Sigma Consultancy Firm and the German Lahmir Firm a JD 500,000 contract to prepare final designs and tender documents for the construction of water networks in Amman's 13 water distribution districts.

The agreement stipulates that the two consultancy firms submit the required documents within eight months, thereby facilitating the tender's announcement and subsequent commencement of actual labour.

The project is based on a \$1.5 million study, prepared by German experts and financed by the German government, which was submitted last June to Minister of Water and Irrigation Munther Haddadin.

The minister has stated that rehabilitation of water networks is of great priority as not all pumped water is actually delivered, due to leaky pipes.

He also affirmed that the ministry will replace water networks throughout the Kingdom at the estimated cost of JD 200 million.

According to Dr. Haddadin, Water Authority Secretary General Munther Khleifat signed the contract as did representatives of the two consultancy firms.

According to the minister, the project will cover Qweismeh, Abu Alanda, Dabouk, Khilda, Shafa Badran, Um Al Shujairat and Abu Nusair in Amman's suburbs, as well as Jabal Amman, Jabal Weibdeh, Jabal Hussein and Jabal Nuzha in the capital.

The project is financed



Water Authority Secretary General Munther Khleifat and representatives of the Jordanian Sigma Consultancy Firm and the German Lahmir Firm sign water network contract (Petra photo)

through a loan from the European Investment Bank, he affirmed.

Also Monday, the Ministry of Water and Irrigation and the Jordan Valley Authority (JVA) signed a contract with the National Electric Power Company (NEPCO) to construct a

42-kilometre cable to supply electricity to areas on the Dead Sea's eastern coast at the proposed cost of JD 8.5 million.

JVA Secretary General Duraid Mahasneh and NEPCO Director General Mohammad Said Arafeh signed the contract.

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### CONCERT

\* Musical performance by the Rozana band at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m.

### FILM

\* "Sharpe's Battle" at the British Council, Jabal Amman at 6:00 p.m.

### FUHEIS EIGHTH FESTIVAL

\* Concert by Nour Mhanna at the main theatre at 9:00 p.m.

\* Poetry recital by Joseph Habi, Maridoun Udwan, Habib Zayoudi, and Jirees Samawi at the "Church museum" square at 6:30 p.m.

\* Exhibitions on Jerusalem, tourism, environment, agriculture, handicrafts as well as slides on Jordan's tourist sites at the festival premises.

### EXHIBITIONS

\* "Islands: Bookbinding Exhibition" at the British Council, Jabal Amman, until Aug. 31.

## Bahraini weavers visit Jordan to compare styles, tradition of the craft

MANAMA (J.T.) — Five Bahraini women are to leave next Sunday for an eight-day trip to Jordan in order to compare wool-weaving projects in the Hashemite Kingdom with similar work in Bahrain.

The women will be afforded the opportunity to visit various areas in Jordan where weavings are accomplished.

Although wool weaving is a relatively new handicraft on the island, undertaken by two dozen women in Diraz, a long tradition exists among bedouin tribes in Jordan and others in the society to weave in the country's traditional red and green colours.

However, over the years, Jordanian women have been increasingly exploring modern designs and new avenues for their handiwork.

The five Bahraini women weavers, accompanied by a Craft Centre staff member, will be able to observe wool weaving first-hand, as practised in Jordan, compare new styles and discuss common dilemmas related thereto.

This month's trip came subsequent to a "Made in Bahrain" exhibition in Amman, two months ago.

The visit comes under the patronage of Her Majesty Queen Noor.

During the exhibition, Director of Bahrain's Craft Centre Aisha Mattar, discussed the value of joining Bahraini weavers with their counterparts in Jordan.

"Weaving isn't actually a traditional craft in Bahrain, as customarily lamb's wool was merely burned after slaughter," Ms. Mattar explained.

Two dozen women in Diraz, in western Bahrain, form part of a wool-weaving group under the supervision of the Craft Centre.

Begun as an experiment six years ago with 16 young women, the project now boasts its own workshop in Diraz.

Variations in Bahraini sheep colours provide 18 identifiable natural hues, which are then spun and woven by the Diraz women to produce products boasting varying shades.

These products range from cushions, yarn and tapestries to rugs which can

measure up to two by six metres.

Natural dyes are sometimes used. Wall hangings have also been woven to order for a United Nations agency in Austria, and during last year's visit of the Bahraini-British Friendship Society.

The income generated from this project is paid to the workers, to ensure a set standard of quality for their products, and a small percentage is allocated to cover the upkeep of the weaving workshop.

The products are then supplied for sale to the Craft Centre, which is entirely managed by Bahraini women and located in Bahrain's first technical school, built more than sixty years ago.

Sample pieces are selected to be put on display in the gallery, an attractive showroom, to demonstrate the Craft Centre's full range of handiwork — from palm paper, Arabic calligraphy and stained glass to gypsum, pottery, wood and iron products.

Ms. Mattar estimates that 600 to 800 wool products are produced annually, with "a good year" providing up to a thousand articles.

Though some Bahrainis appreciate the wool products, most articles are bought by visitors to the island.

"Some days, wool sales are slow, particularly during the summer, but, suddenly, we might sell BD 1,000 worth of wool crafts in one day," Ms. Mattar explained. "Tastes definitely differ."

"Customers who truly appreciate handmade wares will snap them up as [the rugs are] considered unique and definitely not a machine-made product," she added.

Earlier this decade, the former Ministry of Development and Industry was looking for projects to provide young Bahraini women with income and encourage confidence and self-respect for their abilities.

The wool-weaving project was one of a dozen handicrafts that evolved from their research.

"In the past, all societies placed importance on working with their hands to fulfil [communal] needs,"

Ms. Mattar stated. "With the changes brought about by industrialisation, the significance of manual crafts was devalued, to the extent that [engagement in such] wasn't considered respectable."

"With the discovery of oil and the rush towards modernisation, Bahrain hasn't been spared from marginalising its village craft industries," she asserted. "But an important part of our work is to help change these attitudes and perceptions among the villagers and the society in general, place greater value on handicrafts, upgrade standards, in the eyes of the artisans and the potential market, and open new avenues for Bahraini crafts."

Ms. Mattar expressed her wish that Bahrain be recognised, both regionally and internationally, for certain crafts.

"If you look at handicrafts from other regions of the world, the expert eye can detect its origins," she stated. "So it should be with Bahraini products, [they must retain] a distinctiveness to their style."

When a reporter argued for adhering to certain traditional designs, Ms. Mattar responded that one "cannot [forever] depend on rigidly maintaining forms and styles used for generations."

"Our artisans must modernise and find a contemporary expression for their craft to both maintain that which is classic yet enter onto [unexplored] horizons in its design," she asserted.

Encounters in Jordan will help educate the weaving group, through meetings with their peers and the maintenance of high standards.

Some young women who have completed their secondary education have not been involved in any kind of project since their graduation. Therefore, a project such as wool weaving is directed towards a renewed learning.

"We've noticed that women are much harder workers than men in handicrafts," Ms. Mattar asserted. "They have more of a commitment to the work they're doing."

When societal or familial pressures force some women to abandon their



Example of a traditional Jordanian woven rug (file photo)

handiwork, jobs are usually relinquished with a great deal of reluctance, she said.

"They don't say they're quitting," Ms. Mattar stated. "They say they're taking a break, as they really wish to return once they've sorted out their domestic problems."

Apart from wool weaving, the Gallery will exhibit embroidery for one week, beginning Oct. 22.

Embroidery is one of Bahrain's most revered crafts and, in the past, traditional apparel was comprised exclusively of such.

The October show will also exhibit other kinds of needlework from the hands of 11 women from Muharraq.

Two supervisors will attend a seminar in Jordan in November on small project management, in a study supported by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

Craft Centre personnel participating in this seminar currently head paper and embroidery workshops.

Also in November, an exhibit of stained-glass wares will be displayed for a week in the Gallery.

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# Bosnian Serb president vows to seek early election

BANJA LUKA (R) — Bosnian Serb President Biljana Plavsic vowed Monday to press for early parliamentary elections in October despite an adverse court ruling last week.

She also pledged to carry on fighting against what she called hardliners' "terror" in Serb-controlled areas.

"We will continue on the road towards early parliamentary elections scheduled for October 12 regardless of the Constitutional Court decision," she told reporters at a news conference in the northern Bosnian town of Banja Luka.

The Bosnian Serb Constitutional Court ruled Friday against Ms. Plavsic's decision to disband parliament and call early elections as unconstitutional. The court had come under pressure from government nationalist hardliners loyal to Ms. Plavsic's predecessor, indicted war criminal Radovan Karadzic.

"I say they (the court rulings) are not binding for me and I will continue to struggle for the establishment of the rule of law," Ms. Plavsic said.

The court decision was also condemned by Western

powers especially after reports that severe pressure was brought to bear on the judges, one of whom was badly beaten.

"Challenges are so great and they inspire me to continue to fight with even more strength against the largest and worst evil, against terror which prevents people from saying what they think," Ms. Plavsic said.

"They want to make (Bosnian Serb) Republika Srpska a state ruled by an oligarchy. This type of 'democracy' is known only in totalitarian regimes such as Communism and Fascism," she said, referring to Mr. Karadzic's loyalists.

Her comments seemed bound to ratchet up tensions in the Bosnian Serb republic. Feelings were already running high after her police took over a police station at the weekend, prompting NATO to intervene and prevent a possible clash between rival forces.

British soldiers in Spartan armoured vehicles and two platoons of Royal Military Police stood guard outside a police station early Monday morning after it was seized by special police units loyal

to Ms. Plavsic.

About 50 special policemen entered the building before dawn Sunday because they said hardliners opposed to Ms. Plavsic were using it to tap the president's telephones and faxes.

Hardline nationalists later asked for permission to send in their own special police to counter the action. The NATO-led peace Stabilisation Force (SFOR) denied the request.

SFOR then ordered the British troops in to defuse tensions and international police monitors launched an investigation into the electronic surveillance charges. SFOR spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Mike Wright said that Ms. Plavsic's police eventually agreed to withdraw from the building under the protection of British troops.

Col. Wright said all Ms. Plavsic's special police left the building overnight under British escort without incident. He said it went "absolutely smoothly."

SFOR said the action by Ms. Plavsic's forces violated new guidelines for special police handed down by NATO this month.

The police action reflect-

ed mounting tensions in Bosnia's Serb territory where Plavsic supporters are waging a battle for power against Karadzic's loyalists.

Western officials say Ms. Plavsic has been aware for some time that her office was under surveillance from her rivals. Her police conducted a sudden search of the main hotel in Banja Luka last month looking for bugging devices.

Denying prior knowledge of the Sunday action by the police loyal to her, Ms. Plavsic said she had numerous written documents and tapes to prove the surveillance. Documents were distributed to reporters and tapes were shown at Monday's news conference.

Western governments have thrown their weight behind Ms. Plavsic because they say she has shown willingness to abide by the country's peace agreement.

In addition to Ms. Plavsic, state security allegedly tapped the phones of Constitutional Court judges Rajko Kuzmanovic and Jovo Rosic, the judge who was beaten, and several hundred other prominent citizens of Banja Luka.

## Bosnian Croat war crimes suspect is reportedly held in Zagreb

ZAGREB (R) — Croatia is holding a Bosnian Croat indicted for war crimes and may hand him over to the international tribunal in The Hague, a judge at the Zagreb county court told Reuters Monday.

"I know that one (Bosnian Croat) is here but I cannot give you the name or anything else," the judge said.

He said there were still legal proceedings to go through before the man could be transferred to the Hague.

A human rights monitor said at the weekend that Croatia was holding at least one of the six men who have

been indicted in the Hague for war crimes committed in 1993 in the village of Ahmici in central Bosnia.

But the most wanted of the suspects, Dario Kordic, who was a high-ranking politician in Croat-controlled Bosnia, was not among them, the monitor said.

The Hague indictment against Kordic and five others describes attacks on hundreds of Bosnian Muslim houses in villages in the Lasva valley area of central Bosnia.

The United Nations in Zagreb said they had not been informed that an indicted suspect was cur-

rently in custody.

Speculation is mounting throughout the former Yugoslavia that indicted suspects may be forced to surrender to the Hague or may choose to hand themselves over as international pressure intensifies to get the parties to comply with peace agreements.

Foreign Minister Mate Granic told his German counterpart Klaus Kinkel in Frankfurt Saturday that the so-called "Vitez Group" of seven indicted Bosnian Croats were ready to give themselves up to the tribunal if they were assured of a quick trial.

## Mexico shocked by wave of killings

MEXICO CITY (R) — The murder of the brother of the nation's finance minister has again shocked crime-weary Mexicans, many of whom suspect the killing late Saturday was more than a simple robbery attempt.

Alejandro Ortiz Martinez, brother of Mexico's Finance Minister Guillermo Ortiz, died after being shot as he stepped out of his late model Mercedes Benz in the posh Lomas De Chapultepec neighbourhood of Mexico City.

Police immediately said the crime was a robbery attempt, but some observers said it looked more like a straight-out murder, with the gunmen fleeing without stealing the car.

The 55-year-old bank official, who had a doctorate in economics from the University of Georgetown, died almost immediately afterwards in a military hospital.

At a news conference Sunday, a director general of the Attorney-General's Office, Jorge Pena Sandoval, said the victim was killed by two gunmen as a third person waited in a getaway car.

The Attorney-General's Office ... considers that the motive for the murder of Alejandro Ortiz Martinez was robbery with violence," Pena Sandoval said, adding that the fact the gunmen left without stealing anything was explainable by the fact they had just killed someone.

The killing was the latest in a bloody week in the chaotic capital.

Three youths were gunned down in a car late in the week in what appeared to be a revenge killing.

On Saturday, a government budget director, Jorge Banuelos Ortiz, 51, was clubbed to death and stuffed into the trunk of his own car.

While armed robberies are a daily occurrence in the chaotic capital of Mexico, residents almost always suspect the worst.

"In Mexico we have these kinds of things. Maybe it (the killing of Ortiz Martinez) was a revenge killing," speculated one Mexico City taxi driver.

"Was it a murder? A robbery attempt? A kidnapping attempt? What were the motives of this condemnable incident," wrote columnist F. Bartolome in the Reforma newspaper Sunday.



Buildings in a mountainous area in eastern Taipei are on the verge of collapse after strong winds and torrential rain brought by typhoon Winnie triggered landslides Monday. Winnie, the first typhoon to hit the island this year, caused serious damage in north and northeastern Taiwan (Reuters photo)

## 5 dead as typhoon lashes Taiwan, heads for Shanghai

TAIPEI (AFP) — Rescue workers dug through mud and rubble in northern Taiwan Monday when Typhoon Winnie lashed the island, killing at least five and injuring more than 20, before sweeping towards the southern Chinese city of Shanghai.

Weathermen said the alert would not be lifted before midnight when the typhoon was due to make landfall on the southern Chinese coast, after battering the southern Japanese island of Okinawa Sunday.

Shanghai's municipal government has held an emergency meeting to discuss how to deal with a looming Typhoon, expected to be the strongest to hit the region in 90 years, news reports in the city said.

The typhoon was due to make landfall at eastern Zhejiang province, south of Shanghai, later Monday, the Wenhui Bao daily said.

Television reported police here saying that rescuers dug through tonnes of mud and rubble as the typhoon brought landslides and chaos to the island. The death toll was expected to increase, police said.

One woman was killed

and 17 injured when four buildings were seriously tilted by a landslide in Hsichih, Taipei county.

Police said it was still not clear how many people had been trapped but more than 100 families had been evacuated to safety.

Access to the remote community was made even more difficult by the problem of getting transport out on the roads in the heavy rains and winds, police said.

In the Taipei suburb of Tienmu, a family of seven were buried alive early Monday when their home collapsed on them. Two were pulled out of the mud and rocks, but the fate of the other five was unknown.

"I heard a big bang, and then I found I was in the mud," Lee Chih-Chien told the Taiwan Television Enterprise. But her sister Lee Chih-Chiu died as she was being rushed to a nearby hospital for emergency treatment.

Rescue workers battled desperately to free the other five members of the family still buried in the rubble.

Dozens of fire fighters and troops were mobilised to dig them out, but because the site is on a hillside, bul-

lides whipping up waves three stories high battered the coast.

By mid-morning Monday the storm was 310 kilometres northeast of Taipei and moving west-northwest at a speed of 19 kilometres per hour.

The southern Chinese coastal city of Shanghai with its population of 14 million people was battering down preparing to take the brunt.

"The Typhoon is the strongest to hit Shanghai in 90 years," said an official at the Shanghai Flood and Disaster Control Headquarters, who identified himself only as Hu.

"In the past, we had casualties but since we have improved preventive measures, the only losses we suffer now are economic," he said.

Meanwhile, air services in other southern Japanese islands remained paralysed Monday after the storm, officials said.

In Okinawa, three children were killed in a fire from a candle that they were using when the lights went out caused by the typhoon. At least four people were injured in Okinawa prefecture.

## Sinn Fein on course to enter talks as IRA ceasefire holds

LONDON (AFP) — In the run-up to round-table talks on the future of Northern Ireland in September, the omens are good that the ceasefire declared a month ago by the Irish Republican Army will hold.

Northern Ireland's moderate Ulster Unionist Party (UUP) Sunday announced it would hold talks with the head of the Irish Catholic Church, Archbishop Sean Brady, within three weeks.

Face-to-face talks between UUP leader David Trimble and Bishop Brady at his official residence in Armagh would constitute an absolute first, as well as an additional bridge between the two communities.

Over the past months, there have been several firsts of this kind, highly significant for the troubled province.

They include last Tuesday's live television debate between UUP leader, Ken Maginnis, and Martin McGuinness, chief negotiator of Sinn Fein, the IRA's political wing.

Admittedly, the historic head-to-head encounter demonstrated the gulf between the two camps, but speakers remained civil towards each

other, lending weight to the idea of a normalisation of political relationships in northern Ireland.

On the ground, the decrease in military tension, already registered during the 1994-96 ceasefire, is again palpable, and this time has taken hold more quickly. Police and army patrols have been scaled down, road blocks lifted and soldiers have swapped their helmets for berets.

But the most significant difference with the previous cessation is the total absence of IRA activity, which is unprecedented in the history of the organisation's 28-year-old campaign of violence for a united Ireland.

No surveillance operations, no training and almost no punishment shootings have been reported.

The Republicans' restraint is all the more remarkable in that, according to nationalist sources, the IRA's hard core was more reluctant to call a second ceasefire in the light of the failure of the first one.

"So far, so good," Northern Ireland Minister of State Paul Murphy commented, suggesting that, providing the situation remains calm, the ceasefire

will be declared genuine and Sinn Fein will for the first time gain admission to the talks when they begin on Sept. 15.

However, the UUP has not yet confirmed whether it will join the negotiations because it is dissatisfied with Anglo-Irish guarantees over IRA disarmament.

The party, taken by surprise by the IRA ceasefire which took effect on July 20, said it is currently sounding out opinion.

A significant number of the moderate Unionist supporters, notably among economic circles and religious leaders, are believed to support talks, and commentators consider it increasingly unlikely that the UUP will boycott talks and incur the blame for blocking the peace process.

To extend the period of testing the IRA's good faith, the party could opt for conditional participation or indirect talks.

The question remains of whether all these favourable signs will enable a political compromise to be clinched between now and May 1998, the deadline fixed by London.

## 10 Muslim rebels killed in Kashmir

SRINAGAR (AFP) — At least 10 Muslim separatist rebels were killed in a series of clashes in the disputed Indian frontier state of Kashmir, police claimed Monday.

They said six militants, including three foreign nationals, died while trying to infiltrate Indian-administered Kashmir from Pakistan in the northern district of Kupwara, some 100 kilometres north of here.

The sovereignty of Kashmir is disputed by India and Pakistan. Indian Kashmir makes up two-thirds of the territory, while Pakistan administers the remainder.

A Muslim insurgency in Indian-administered Kashmir has claimed more than 20,000 lives since 1989. New Delhi accuses

Islamabad of covertly backing the rebellion. "A group of militants were trying to infiltrate into India under cover of darkness last night, which led to the encounter. The others managed to escape," a police official said.

He said police had recovered missile launchers, assault rifles and grenades from the dead militants.

In another shoot-out late Sunday in the town of Safapora, some 55 kilometres north of Srinagar, two alleged foreign mercenaries were shot dead during a raid on their hide-out. The confrontation lasted six hours.

## One year on, Belgium mourns paedophile victims

BRUSSELS (R) — Several hundred mourners and activists marched to a small Belgian village Sunday to mark the discovery there a year ago of the bodies of two young girls murdered in a paedophile affair that traumatised the nation.

The bodies of Julie Lejeune and Melissa Russo, both aged eight, were dug up a year ago today at a property owned by convicted child rapist Marc Dutroux in the southern Belgian village of Sars-La-Buissiere.

Dutroux had earlier been arrested and charged with abducting two other young girls, who were later rescued by police from a makeshift dungeon in one of Dutroux's houses and found to have been sexually abused.

He then led police to the bodies of Julie and Melissa who had starved to death nine months after being snatched from near their homes in eastern Belgium.

Dutroux later told police where to find the buried bodies of Ane Marchal and

Eefje Lambrechts, two teenagers who had disappeared a year earlier.

Held in an isolation cell in the southern city of Arlon, Dutroux is expected to stand trial late next year.

The march, which set out from nearby Lobbes, was allowed into Sars-La-Buissiere after local authorities had initially asked that access to the village be left free for those attending a Sunday morning remembrance mass in the local church.

Many of the around 400 marchers wore white clothing to symbolise purity and claimed to be demonstrating not just for Julie and Melissa but for all abused children.

Earlier, some 250 people, including the dead girls' mothers, heard a moving musical tribute to the girls during a solemn service. Large pictures of the two girls adorned the church.

Those arriving for the mass said they came to pay tribute to the girls' families and to pray that the deaths would prompt change in a

system that many see as corrupt.

"I'm here to pay homage, simple," said one woman.

"I'm here to remember, to pray and to offer sympathy to the (girls') parents. It's a very emotional day," said another.

Gaston Schoonbroodt, a priest and friend of the Russo family, told Belgian television that the service was aimed at supporting the families and the village's inhabitants who are wracked by feelings of shame and guilt.

"But it's also to underline the message that this must never be allowed to happen again," Mr. Schoonbroodt said.

"There is real despair. If we are the living, the survivors, they (Julie and Melissa) are the super-living. It sounds odd, but it's the simplest way I can put it."

In a nationwide expression of remembrance and grief, a stream of ordinary citizens, many weeping, all still bewildered by last year's grisly events, laid flo-

ral tributes at the girls' graves and outside the houses where they lived.

The discoveries of the dead children's bodies rocked Belgium to the core and prompted widespread accusations that Dutroux and his accomplices had official protection.

At the time of the killings, Dutroux was on parole from a 13-year sentence for multiple child rape.

Last October over 250,000 staged a "white march" through Brussels in support of the victims and their families and to vent their disgust at a judicial system seen as deeply corrupt.

An all-party parliamentary committee investigating cover-up theories is due to report next month. A preliminary report in April revealed a trail of bungling, unprofessional behaviour and missed chances that ordinary Belgians found hard to believe.

Julie's father Jean-Denis Lejeune said last week that little had changed and the two girls had died for nothing.

## Rebels abduct 12 town councillors in Colombia

BOGOTA (R) — Leftist rebels kidnapped at least 12 town councillors in two communities in northern Colombia as part of their campaign to sabotage local elections in October, authorities said Sunday.

In Simiti, in the northern province of Bolivar, the entire town council — nine officials, including the town treasurer — was seized on the way to a meeting Saturday, police sources said. The seizure was carried out on the orders of one of the guerrilla armies that operate in the area, the sources said.

And in San Pablo, also in Bolivar, three councillors were kidnapped in similar circumstances. Provincial

Governor Miguel Navas blamed both abductions on the Cuban-inspired, National Liberation Army (ELN), Colombia's second-largest guerrilla force, set up by radical Roman Catholic priests in 1966.

"We were not able to get official confirmation of these incidents until Sunday morning," Mr. Navas told reporters. "Nine council members were taken from Simiti and at least three more from San Pablo."

An NTC Television news programme showed the ELN's trademark black-and-red flag flying over some villages in Simiti, a town of about 8,000 inhabitants. Simiti has had no police pre-

sence since about 100 rebels overran the town on June 30, destroying the barracks and killing three policemen.

No demands have yet been made for concessions that would gain the officials' release, the spokesman said.

Earlier this month, the ELN kidnapped five mayors in the southern province of Narino and killed a senator in the northeastern province of Norte De Santander.

The larger rebel army of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC), meanwhile, has forced candidates for the Oct. 26 mayoral elections to withdraw in some towns in southern and eastern Colombia.

Both guerrilla groups and right-wing paramilitary forces have pledged to disrupt the elections, in which provincial governors will also be elected, and have threatened to kill any candidates of opposing political views who dare to campaign in their zones of influence.

Gilberto Toro, head of the Colombian Association of Municipalities, said the rising violence meant it would be impossible to guarantee free and fair elections.

"From these actions, it is clear the paramilitaries and the guerrillas have control of large parts of the country. There are not sufficient guarantees for the October elections," he said.

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A pickup truck carrying armed Khmer Rouge fighters heads for the frontline past the northwestern Cambodian border town of O Smach Monday. Khmer Rouge guerrillas from their stronghold in Anlong Veng, who came to help Cambodia's royalist forces to defend this border town, have claimed success in pushing back and halting the advancing troops of strongman Hun Sen (Reuters photo)

## Yeltsin promises new accord on Chechnya's political status

MOSCOW (AFP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin called for a new treaty on Chechnya's political status after talks Monday at the Kremlin with the breakaway republic's President Aslan Maskhadov.

Russia and the north Caucasus Republic, which fought a bitter 21-month war that ended last August, must "think about future steps towards the freedom of the Chechen Republic — independence or something else, whatever to call it," Mr. Yeltsin said.

"We do not need to get stuck on this. We need to create a joint group to sit down and prepare this document, this accord together," Mr. Yeltsin said in comments broadcast on NTV television.

Mr. Yeltsin's offer fell short of Mr. Maskhadov's goal of winning immediate recognition of his republic's declaration of independence.

Despite the ferocious resistance which forced the withdrawal of Russian troops last year, Moscow still insists it has sovereignty over Chechnya and that it can allow it nothing more than autonomy.

In a conciliatory tone, Mr. Maskhadov said that Russia and Chechnya had to work together in political, economic and defence fields because "our strategic interests coincide," Interfax reported.

Before leaving the Chechen capital Grozny, Mr. Maskhadov said that he

intended to negotiate "on an equal footing" and that he would seek independence for the breakaway republic. "I am not going to Moscow with the intention of begging, but to suggest putting our relations on a civilised level and to demand what Russia owes Chechnya after leaving it in ruins," he told Interfax.

In particular, he said, he wanted "a full inter-state agreement foreshadowing mutual recognition, the opening of embassies and non-interference in each other's affairs."

During preparatory talks Sunday with Chechen First Deputy Premier Movladi Udogov, Security Council Secretary Ivan Rybkin, the top Russian negotiator for Chechnya, said that it was too early to decide the status question.

The 1-1/2-hour face-to-face talks between Mr. Yeltsin and Mr. Maskhadov were the first between the two leaders in three months. They also covered a dispute over Russian aid to the ruined republic of about one million people.

Mr. Yeltsin acknowledged that Chechnya was not getting all the money it had been allotted.

"Eight hundred billion rubles have been sent to Chechnya, but only 120 billion rubles has appeared in the Chechen national bank," Mr. Yeltsin was quoted as saying by Interfax.

"This money, damn it, is leaking somewhere," he said.

Before the talks, Mr. Maskhadov said: "All the money that has reached Chechnya so far this year adds up to less than Russia spent on a single day of war."

Chechnya declared unilateral independence in 1991 and three years later the Russian armed forces began a large-scale offensive to regain control, but ran into fierce guerrilla resistance, and were defeated in Grozny last August.

Tens of thousands of people were killed. Under an August 1996 peace accord, both sides agreed to freeze a decision on Chechnya's political status for five years, but Chechens consider the republic as an independent state.

The meeting between Mr. Maskhadov and Mr. Yeltsin — their second since the end of the war — came a day after two of the five Russian journalists being held hostage in Chechnya were freed.

The two journalists from the VID television production company returned safely to Moscow Sunday.

However, three NTV television journalists and two British aid workers remain missing in Chechnya, along with several other aid workers who have been kidnapped in neighbouring Russian regions.

Chechnya has high strategic importance because a pipeline running from the boom Caspian Sea oil fields runs through the republic on its way to the Russian Black Sea port of Novorossiisk.

## S. Korean defector may have spied for North — report

SEOUL (R) — A South Korean religious leader who defected to Communist North Korea last week might have been a spy while serving on a presidential advisory group, Seoul newspapers said Monday.

South Korea's intelligence agency and police investigating the defection of Oh Ik-Jae declined to comment on the newspaper reports.

Mr. Oh, 68, who turned up in Pyongyang Friday, served on the Advisory Council on Democratic and Peaceful Unification, a presidential advisory body in South Korea. An official at the advisory body said Mr. Oh's term as adviser ended in June.

Mr. Oh was also a founding member of the main opposition National Congress for New Politics.

A senior police official, who asked not to be identified, told Reuters he suspected Mr. Oh had maintained contacts with North Korean officials since 1993 when he met Pyongyang representatives of a religious group, Chondokyo, in Beijing.

Mr. Oh, who headed 130-year-old Chondokyo in the South until 1995, arrived in Pyongyang Friday by train for "permanent residence," according to Pyongyang's official Korean Central News Agency's (KCNA).

"The authorities suspect Mr. Oh worked as a North Korean spy in the South for some time," said the influential Chosun Ilbo daily, which has had numerous scoops on North Korea-related issues in recent months.

Chosun Ilbo quoted an unidentified ruling camp official as saying that Mr. Oh appeared to have "left for America in March to escape the government's dragnet which was tightening towards him."

South Korea's state television broadcast North Korean TV footage showing Mr. Oh stepping out of a train at Pyongyang Railway Station.

In an arrival statement, he hailed North Korean leader Kim Jong-Il as a hero and slammed the South Korean government for pursuing policies hampering the reunification of the Korean Peninsula divided at the end of World War II.

The police official said the North might also be using Oh in its propaganda to make up for the defection to the South earlier this year of Hwang Jung-Yop, the highest-ranking Pyongyang official ever to flee his homeland.

Mr. Hwang, a top ideologue who arrived in Seoul in April via China and the Philippines, has said there are North Korean moles among high ranking Seoul officials.

## Hun Sen's troops renew assault on Cambodian royalist forces

O SMACH (AFP) — Forces loyal to Cambodian strongman Hun Sen renewed their assault Monday on the country's last bastion of royalist resistance.

Villagers in O Smach stopped to watch as the first cloud-bursts from incoming artillery rounds rose from a ridge four kilometres away after a lull in the fighting since Sunday.

Many of the more than 20,000 civilians in the village, whose population has been swelled by advance of Hun Sen's troops, began streaming towards a border checkpoint manned by Thai soldiers as automatic weapons fire and mortar rounds pounded the area.

Cambodians had not been allowed to enter Thailand as of 4:00 p.m., when reporters were ordered back to the Thai town of Chong Chom across the border. Thai officials have said unarmed Cambodians will be allowed across the border if their lives are threatened.

Troops loyal to Second Prime Minister Hun Sen were trying to wrest control of a hill eight kilometres away, which overlooks the O Smach. They have forced royalist soldiers up to northwestern Cambodia after effectively ousting First Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh from Phnom Penh in July.

When the afternoon assault began, artillery was moved in closer to hit a second ridge where the headquarters of FUNCINPEC Party forces loyal to Prince Ranariddh were located.

Royalists and their new Khmer Rouge allies answered back with their own artillery as Mr. Hun Sen's forces moved in from three sides.

Khmer Rouge soldiers were seen across a field heading into battle with a mobile rocket launcher.

Earlier Monday, a FUNCINPEC soldier told AFP the royalists had sufficient troops and ammunition to defend their last base.

"We have bullets. We can fight," the soldier said.

Thai military sources earlier said Mr. Hun Sen's forces would soon take the village because the royalists were desperately short of ammunition.

Prince Ranariddh said in Manila Monday that his forces were inflicting heavy losses on Mr. Hun Sen's men. He said he had spoken to the chief of his forces, General Nhiek Bun Chhay, by telephone before meeting Philippine President Fidel Ramos.

"I have just been briefed by General Bun Chhay. He told me that Hun Sen's forces lost a lot of people," in fighting at O Smach, Prince Ranariddh said. The FUNCINPEC soldier said dozens of fighters under commanders belonging to Mr. Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party (CPP) were injured in

Sunday's small-arms fighting.

He said there were about 5,000 troops defending O Smach, including fighters from factions of the Khmer Rouge rebel movement, which border sources said numbered 600 to 700.

Thai sources estimated the number of FUNCINPEC soldiers at around 2,000, supplemented by the Khmer Rouge.

Meanwhile, Prince Ranariddh was in Manila on a tour of Association of South East Asian Nations capitals, seeking political support from the regional grouping to counter Mr. Hun Sen's consolidation of power in Phnom Penh.

He confirmed Khmer Rouge guerrillas had been integrated into his forces and said they no longer considered themselves members of the infamous rebel group.

"All of Khmer Rouge. Pol Pot's forces, they are now entirely and fully part of the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces and they do not consider themselves Khmer Rouge anymore," Prince Ranariddh told reporters in Manila.

Prince Ranariddh also said that Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot should stand trial before an international court on charges of committing crimes against humanity.

"I am not hopeless that I would have — in the near future and when the country will go back to (normal and) if Mr. Pol Pot is still alive — (a chance) to bring him to an international court for a 'real trial,' the prince said at a news conference.

He said it would be "very interesting" to hear the Khmer Rouge leader's side of his 1975 to 1979 regime, under which more than one million Cambodians died.

The prince added the trial should also shed light on the "responsibilities" of Cambodian strongman Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge member, and acting head of state.

The commander of Thai forces in the area, Major General Chirak Pongmopakorn, told reporters in the Thai town of Chong Chom opposite O Smach that non-governmental organisations had been allowed to provide humanitarian assistance across the border.

Speaking before fighting resumed, Gen. Chirak said there was no immediate need to provide refuge to O Smach's civilians.

"Thailand has contacted leaders in O Smach, and they say it is not necessary for the civilians to cross to Thailand now. The fighting is still far enough away," he said.

A temporary hospital set up on the Cambodian side of the border housed about 60 patients. The majority were being treated for malaria while many others were suffering from diarrhoea.

## Tajik government troops attack rebel positions

DUSHANBE (R) — Troops loyal to Tajik President Imomali Rakhmonov Monday attacked positions held by rebels under the command of mutinous Colonel Makhmud Khudoyberdiyev in southern Tajikistan, Russian news agencies said.

TASS said fierce fighting broke out around a bridge near the village of Garavuti, which straddles routes to the Shaaruz and Kabodien regions in southern Tajikistan where the rebels' main forces are concentrated.

Interfax news agency said Mr. Rakhmonov's guards were encircling Col. Khudoyberdiyev's brigade to try to prevent some rebel units from joining the main force.

Interfax quoted the head of the presidential guard,

General Gafar Mirzoyev, as saying Col. Khudoyberdiyev's men were using Grad multiple missile launchers and artillery against his troops, advancing near Garavuti on the Kurgan Tyube-Kabodien road.

Over the weekend, the Tajik government sent more troops to the area and sporadic fire fights broke out there between the rebels and government troops. Mr. Rakhmonov's commanders said they were ready to destroy the last pockets of rebel resistance.

Rebels, who said they would fight to the bitter end, denied they were retreating towards neighbouring Uzbekistan. Tajik army sources said Saturday that Col. Khudoyberdiyev and his men

could be seen heading towards the Uzbek border.

Uzbek Border Guards had stepped up their patrols.

The latest turmoil in Tajikistan came weeks after Mr. Rakhmonov, who is backed by Moscow, signed a peace agreement with Islamic opposition guerrillas aimed at ending four years of civil war in the impoverished former Soviet republic.

The Islamic guerrillas were not involved in the latest clashes, when Col. Khudoyberdiyev joined the fray, moving his brigade towards the capital, Dushanbe, a week ago.

He appeared to suffer some setbacks in four days of fighting and Mr. Rakhmonov said Wednesday that he had been dismissed. Rus-

sian troops, 20,000 of whom are garrisoned in Tajikistan, did not take part in the fighting.

Col. Khudoyberdiyev and his men refused to hand over their weapons, saying the government could not guarantee their safety, and moved out of their stronghold of Kurgan Tyube, 110 kilometres south of Dushanbe.

On Monday there were almost no signs of military presence in Kurgan Tyube.

Local people began leaving their homes after several days, indoors and were going to work Monday. Some shops were open and a few cars were moving on the streets. The Dushanbe-Kurgan Tyube highway was controlled by government forces.

## Taiwan says talks with China to resume in 1998

TAIPEI (R) — Long stalled talks between Taipei and Beijing were expected to resume in 1998, the Commercial Times quoted Taipei's chief negotiator as saying Monday.

The newspaper quoted Koo Chen-Fu, chairman of Taipei's Straits Exchange Foundation, as saying he was expected to resume negotiations with his Beijing counterpart in 1998.

"Relations on the both sides of the (Taiwan) Strait have recovered from their lowest ebb and the long-suspended talks should resume next year," Mr. Koo told the newspaper in an

interview. Mr. Koo last met his Beijing counterpart, Wang Daoban of the Association for Relations Across the Taiwan Strait, in Singapore on April 29, 1993.

A series of technical meetings on civilian issues followed but talks have been suspended since mid-1995 after Taiwan President Lee Teng-Hui paid a private but high-profile visit to the United States.

China, which views Taiwan as a renegade province since a civil war split them in 1949, said Mr. Lee's visit was an attempt to promote the island's independence

rather than reunification with the mainland.

In a sign that tensions may have thawed, the Mainland Affairs Council, Taiwan's top policy making body towards China, has reportedly said the island was ready for official talks with the mainland.

The Council's Chairman Chang King-Yuh said Saturday both sides could conduct official talks to discuss a wide range of issues, including ending hostility across the Taiwan Strait, the exchange of visits between both sides' leaders, signing a peace agreement, and direct trade and investment

links. Taiwan has repeatedly urged China to reopen talks, but Beijing has consistently declined, saying this was not possible until Taiwan showed its sincerity by dropping its "splitting" activities.

Taipei claims Taiwan and China are two equal political entities ruled by two governments. But Beijing says Taiwan is a province of China that falls under its sovereignty.

Beijing also says its People's Republic of China government is the legitimate ruler of all China.

## Attackers kill 2 Kenyans overnight

MOMBASSA (R) — Attackers slashed two Kenyans including a priest to death overnight in the Indian Ocean port of Mombassa, raising the toll from violence in the area to at least 33 dead since Wednesday.

Witnesses said a priest and a vigilante group member were killed in Mishimoroni district on the edge of Mombassa.

Coast police Chief Francis Gichuki confirmed two people had been slashed with machetes overnight in Mombassa but dismissed the incidents as "pure thuggery." Police said Sunday night had been the quietest since a raid on police posts last Wednesday.

After news of the killings, the Kenyan shilling slid to a new official low against the U.S. dollar as foreign investors pulled out because of worries over the economy and politics.

The shilling depreciated by 1.3 per cent Monday morning to \$70.68 to the \$69.75 at the opening. Monday's slide brought the shilling's losses to 18.79 per cent against the dollar since the International Monetary Fund cancelled a key aid package on July 31, citing corruption.

A total of 16 suspects among 69 people arrested since last Wednesday were charged in Mombassa's Magistrates' Court Monday with possessing weapons

including bows and arrows but no guns.

Legal sources said the charging of the 16 with possession of traditional weapons showed they were not apparently at the heart of the attacks, otherwise they would have faced murder charges.

"We are still talking to the main suspects. We are holding some," said Kenya police spokesman, Peter Kimani in Nairobi.

He declined to say anything more about the main suspects of the violence, which President Daniel Arap Moi has blamed on opposition leaders fanning tribal hatred ahead of elections.

Some opposition leaders accuse Mr. Moi's ruling Kenya African National Union (KANU) of orchestrating the well-planned attacks, which began with the killing of six police and eight civilians Wednesday in raids on two police posts south of Mombassa.

All 16 pleaded not guilty in Mombassa and Chief Magistrate Aggrey Muchelule said he would rule Tuesday on whether to grant bail, opposed by police prosecutor, Gideon Kimilu.

"If the accused are released on bond when the situation is still volatile, they are likely to continue with the same offences," Mr. Kimilu told the Mombassa

court. "Investigations are ongoing and we are likely to prefer more serious charges."

None of the 16, all from the Coast area, were represented by lawyers. They all wore tattered clothes. One had a head wound, another a bandaged arm and a third a shirt stained with blood.

In Diani Beach, a tourist haven south of Mombassa, witnesses said Monday a workshop and a kiosk were set ablaze overnight. A police, army and navy hunt has failed to stop the attacks.

Thousands of tourists have been told to stay in beach hotels on the coast north and south of Mombassa but none have been hurt in violence. Hundreds of Kenyans have fled the coast region.

Residents said those Kenyans killed were mainly people who originally came from outside the coastal region. They pointed to leaflets, hand-written in Swahili and distributed in the area.

"The time has come for us, original inhabitants of the coast to claim what is rightly ours. We must remove these invaders from our land," said the pamphlets, which echoed ethnic slogans painted on walls and roads near some of the clash sites.



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## Pygmy chimps show that peace and love may come naturally to humans

By Robin McKie

PEERING INTO the eyes of a pygmy chimpanzee may reveal a strange secret: a glimpse of our ancient apeman ancestors. Scientists now believe these graceful cousins of the common chimpanzee share many features with australopithecines, a four-million-year-old forebear of Homo Sapiens.

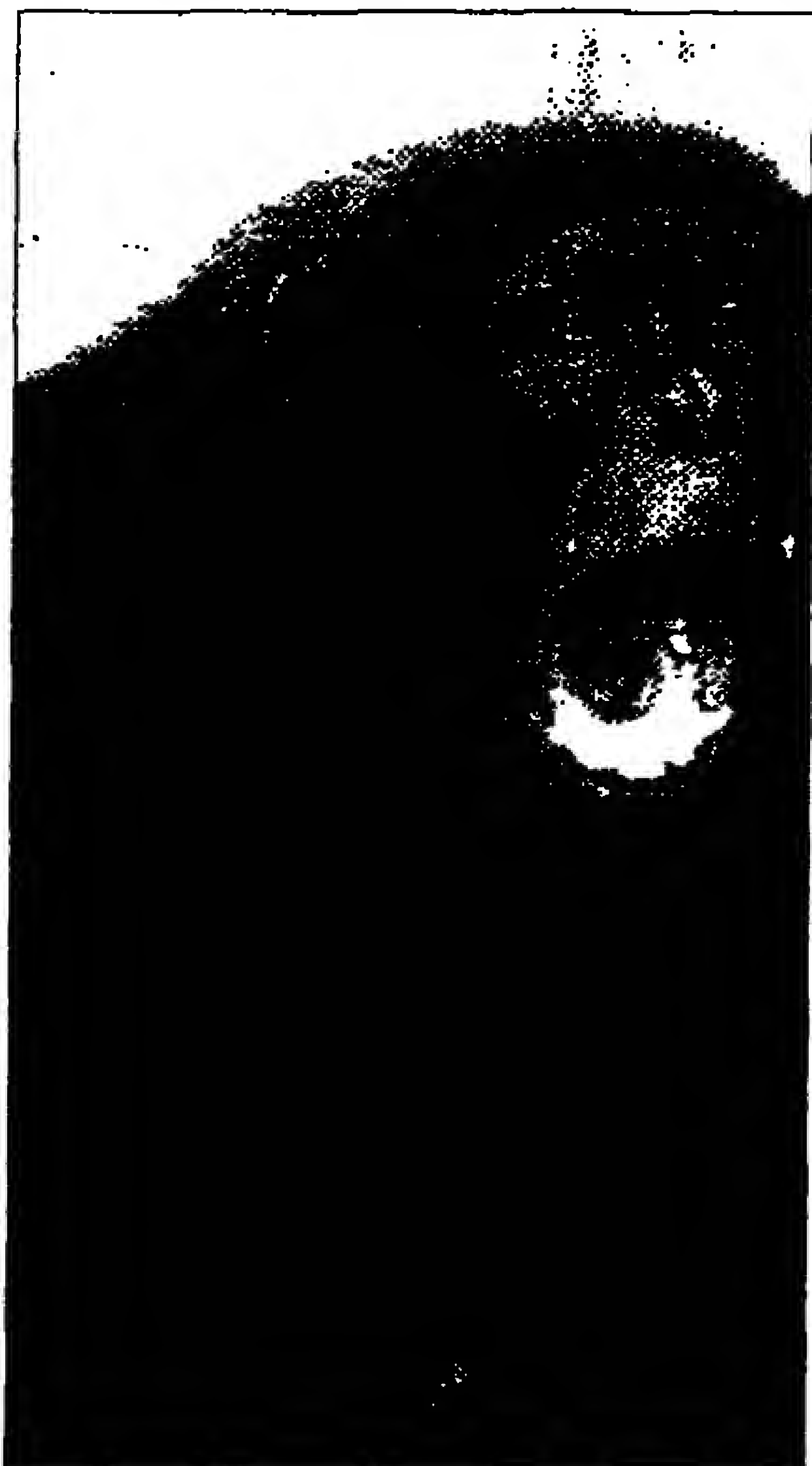
According to Professor Frans de Waal of the Yerkes Regional Primate Centre in Atlanta, the pygmy chimpanzee, or bonobo, is probably the best model we have of "the so-called missing link."

But as Prof. de Waal stresses in "Bonobo: The Forgotten Ape" (published this month by University of California), this does not mean bonobos are the missing link. He and fellow researchers merely argue that bonobos resemble more closely the type of creature from which we evolved than any other living animal.

"The bonobo may have undergone less transformation than either humans or chimpanzees, and could most closely resemble our common ancestor," states Prof. de Waal.

As a result, when we look at these creatures, we see features that have changed only slightly over the past six million years: diminutive stature, long arms and small brains.

This similarity has profound implications for understanding our own nature and our evolution. It is believed that humans



and apes shared a common ancestor about six million years ago. Then the two lines began evolving in different directions until, three million years ago, the ape line split in two. One led to the chimpanzee; the other to a slightly smaller, more graceful type of ape: the

bonobo. But until recently little was known about the bonobo, and most comparisons between our behaviour and that of the apes concentrated on similarities between chimps and humans. As a result, it was assumed that male-domi-

nated, fairly violent societies are the norm. Recent work on the bonobo challenges this assumption, however.

"Had bonobos been known earlier, reconstruction of human evolution might have emphasised sexual relations, equality between males and females and the origin of the family, instead of war, hunting, tool technology and other masculine fortes," says Prof. de Waal.

Ignorance about the bonobo stems from the fact that they were only discovered in 1929, and that there are only about 10,000 members of the species, all living in a small fragment of forest in central Zaire.

However, when bonobos were studied by scientists, they produced a distinct shock, for the creatures were found to have staggering sexual appetites. As a consequence, they have been depicted as lustful satyrs who will have sex at the drop of a hat — or a banana, an apple, or anything else that succumbs to the effects of gravity.

And it is true they have a healthy urge to have sex. As Prof. de Waal puts it: "Bonobos engage in sex in virtually every partner combination."

This behaviour has a basic ulterior — but unconscious — motive. Sex is used as a substitute for aggression, as a means of defusing tension.

And in this non-violent society, freed from the fear of male aggression,

females control food resources and dominate the males. "Bonobos provide a concrete alternative to macho evolutionary models derived from the behaviour of baboons and chimpanzees," adds Prof. de Waal. "They also thoroughly upset the idea that sex is solely intended for procreation. From now on, any reference to biology in support of this claim will backfire."

However, similarities that we have with bonobos, or for that matter chimps, are not sufficient on their own to explain every aspect of human evolution. Prof. de Waal acknowledges. Special factors have produced unique human characteristics, particularly the nuclear family in which males and females share the raising of offspring — a phenomenon unique in the ape world and whose origin is not yet understood.

Nevertheless, non-aggressive bonobos, with their powerful female lobby and egalitarian social structure, provide as useful a model for understanding human evolution as any other species, particularly as it is based on an animal with whom we share 98 per cent of our genetic make-up. As Prof. de Waal states: "If we look after the bonobo, we may for a long time share this planet with a family member that affords us an entirely new look at ourselves."

The Observer



Aggressive chimps like the one above, left, may not be our true forebears. Bonobos (right), undiscovered until 1929, live in harmony in a society that emphasises equality between males and females

## King visits Tafileh

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brothers to us and they are free to participate in or refrain from taking part in the coming elections.

King Hussein reminded the audience of the circumstances prevailing in the country in the 1950s when he said several political parties mushroomed, but these were quarrelling with one another and were affiliated and loyal to other Arab countries, with the result that problems of the Arab World at the time were transferred to the Jordanian arena causing a setback to political life in the Kingdom.

Referring to other opposition parties, the King said, "all in all, they do not include more than a thousand members put together but these parties should adjust to the Jordanian laws and regulations."

Referring to the government, the King said, "my government enjoys my full

confidence and it is now holding a dialogue with different parties, but the dialogue is not with particular groups but with all parties and whoever wants to participate in the elections and also with those who do not want to take part."

In his address, the King said, "Jordan is in a race against time and against others in the course of construction and in a bid to fulfil our aspirations and our fathers' and grandfathers' aspirations." Referring to requests by the citizens of Tafileh voiced by prominent personalities in their speeches at the rally, King Hussein said, "tourism projects will soon see the light," noting that these projects will be at the Afra Spa and the Dana archaeological site.

As for education, King Hussein said, "the Tafileh Community College is a nucleus for a university

which will be created in Tafileh city."

He referred to Al Hasa and the Jordan Valley region as industrial regions which he said will be given due attention in the course of developing the Tafileh Governorate.

At the outset of the visit, King Hussein, who was accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Noor, Their Royal Highnesses Princesses Hamzah and Hashem, Prime Minister Abdul Salam Majali and other officials, inspected the Prince Zeid Ben Al Hussein Military Hospital and was briefed on its activities.

Later, the King visited the Tafileh Polytechnic College where he was briefed by its dean, Faisal Ghaisan, about the training courses in the college which was established in 1986.

## Politicians call on government to exert more effort in dialogue

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But Ibrahim Izzeddine, former minister of information, stressed the importance of the opposition's participation in the elections in a bid to enhance the seven-year-old democratic process though urged the government to take stronger initiatives in its dialogue with the opposition.

"There is no alternative but to continue in the path of dialogue. (If opposition and politicians insist on boycotting the elections) it is the whole country and not the government who would be affected," Mr. Izzeddine said. "Democracy is not a luxury, it is something we need."

Until the speech of His Majesty King Hussein in Ma'an last week, the atmosphere between the government and the opposition was particularly tense. The Muslim Brotherhood, followed by the Islamic Action Front and most of the opposition political parties decided to boycott the elections against what they saw as massive infringements on democracy. They listed the electoral system, the Press and Publications Law, the need to amend the Constitution, degradation in the economy and the lack of respect for public freedoms as main reasons for their boycott decision.

In his speech, the King, pointing to the positive contributions of the opposition, Islamists in particular to the Kingdom's democratic experience, stressed on the need of the participation of political forces in the upcoming elections and, calling for dialogue, the King expressed interest in seeing democracy thrive in the country.

"The King was very clear in his speech (about the need to initiate dialogue)," Mr. Izzeddine said. "The King has given a signal (of endorsing dialogue) and so did the Islamists. Now there should be positive signs from the government."

In their public statements, the Islamists showed willingness to reschedule some of their demands. Leader of the Muslim Brotherhood Abdul Majid Thuneibat said in a previous interview to the Jordan Times that Islamists are not expecting things to change overnight. They know that the amendment of the Constitution, for example, can take time for it to happen, he said.

But the government can freeze the application of the Press and Publications Law and promote public freedoms, was one of the suggestions of Islamic Action Front Deputy Bassam Emoush.

Mr. Izzeddine, who pointed to the positive experience of Islamists in Jordan as a rare model in the Arab and Muslim World, stressed that the government should be more keen towards dialogue with the largest opposition bloc in the country. He said the government should be pressured into reaching a solution by taking stronger initiatives towards reconciliation with the opposition and the Islamists "who have already shown positive signs in that regard."

George Haddad, a prominent columnist in Al-Dustour daily said the personalities who signed the statement are ready to reverse their boycott decision if there was progress in dialogue between the opposition and the government.

"The government has to take a step. The situation is unbearable," Dr. Haddad said.

Analysts believe that the charged atmosphere is expected to rein until the elections in November unless the government takes drastic measures "to stop appointing some and sacking others because of their opinions," according to Mr. Izzeddine.

## Israel to transfer part of frozen funds

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participants later had dinner together at a restaurant in the West Bank town of Ramallah.

The Palestinians' West Bank security chief, Jibril Rajoub, who participated in the meeting, confirmed Monday that the Palestinians gave Israel some explosives found in a bomb factory in the West Bank town of Beit Sahour last month.

Israel tested the explosives to see if they matched those used in the bombing in Jerusalem. Mr. Rajoub told AP, Mr. Rajoub said the Palestinians were not told by Israel whether the Beit Sahour explosives were the same type as those used in the Jerusalem blast.

The European Union

envoy to the Middle East, Miguel Moratinos, also said Sunday's meeting went well. "I think that the Israelis will now come to be more satisfied in security matters," he told reporters after a meeting with Mr. Arafat in the Gaza Strip Monday.

It was not clear when and if the closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip would be eased. In response to the bombing, Israel had sealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip, barring 100,000 Palestinian workers from their jobs in Israel. Palestinians have complained that the closure is strangling their economy. On Sunday, Mr. Arafat's self-rule government said it would gradually implement a boycott of Israeli products to counter

Israel's travel ban and economic sanctions.

In a first step Monday, several Israeli trucks trying to bring Israeli goods into the Palestinian-controlled Gaza Strip were turned back at a Palestinian checkpoint, a Palestinian colonel said.

The officer, Hisham Dasuki, said certain Israeli products, such as fruits and electronics, would not be allowed into the Gaza Strip. He would not say how many trucks were turned back.

Mr. Masri said there was no official lists of Israeli products to be barred, but that in principle the Palestinians would keep out all those products that are also made in Palestinian factories.

## UNICEF sees peril in falling aid to developing countries

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except South East Asia and the Pacific.

If governments summon the will to earmark 0.7 per cent of their gross national product (GNP) of Official Development Assistance (ODA), Ms. Bellamy said, the additional proceeds would more than cover the additional \$80 billion over 10 years that the U.N. estimates is required to eliminate the worst aspects of global poverty.

The executive director said that the tailspin in aid levels is a direct challenge to the Convention on the Rights of the Child, which speaks to be plight of the world's poorest children, and to the work of the United Nations generally — including Secretary-General Kofi Annan's ongoing effort to reform the U.N. system.

"Without adequate and predictable flows of development aid," Ms.

Bellamy said, "the United Nations can neither institute reform, nor meet the mandates laid down by member states, especially those for the elimination of poverty and the creation of an enabling environment for sustainable economic growth and human development."

"Private investment and financing are absolutely vital if the poorest countries are to emerge from poverty," the UNICEF chief said, "yet they cannot attract the private sector without Official Development Assistance. ODA not only helps these countries weather painful economic reforms, but enables them to create the social and economic infrastructure that is vital to development."

According to the OECD report, made public on June 19, average Official Development Assistance fell to 0.25 per cent of combined GNP compared to 0.27 per cent in 1995.

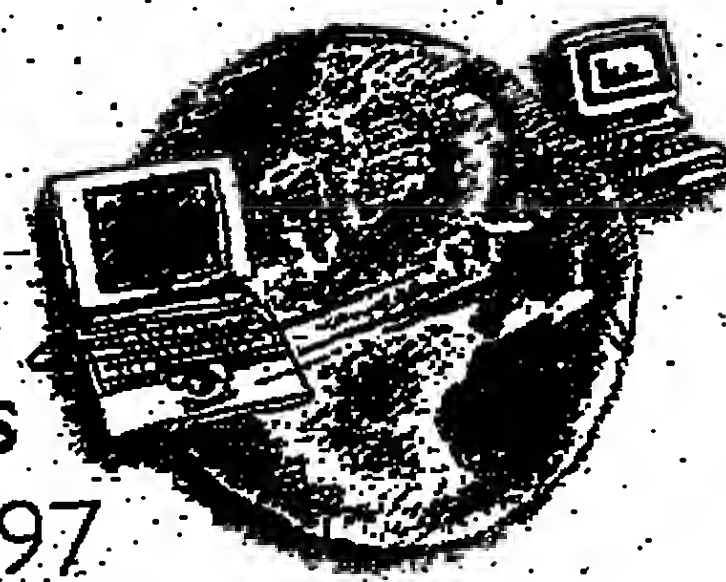
These are the lowest ODA/GNP ratios recorded in the nearly 30 years since the U.N. set a global aid target of 0.7 per cent of GNP.

In 1996, only four countries met or exceeded the 0.7 per cent target: Denmark (1.04 per cent), the Netherlands (0.83 per cent), Norway (0.85 per cent) and Sweden (0.82 per cent).

The OECD report noted that while average ODA fell in 1996, private flows to developing countries grew by nearly \$80 billion to \$234 billion, mostly because of a steep rise in bond lending. However, most of this private-sector money went to a handful of developing countries with rapidly growing economies. The poorest countries, especially those in sub-Saharan Africa, saw only negligible amounts.

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## Palestinians formulating long-term plan to reduce dependence on Israel

By Tareq Ayyoub  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A senior Palestinian official Monday said the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) is formulating a long-term plan to reduce the dependency of the Palestinian economy on Israel.

The governor of the Palestinian Monetary Authority (PMA), Fouad Bseiso, said the plan follows the campaign announced Sunday by a PNA official to boycott Israeli-made goods as a protest against Israel's three-week long closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and as a strategy towards self-reliance.

Dr. Bseiso said that plan would be implemented gradually and would involve encouraging maximum use of "available resources" and maintaining a strict policy in all PNA departments in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

According to Dr. Bseiso, "the Palestinian private and public institutions are working on creating a comprehensive plan to deal with the continuous Israeli closures of the Palestinian territories."

In an interview with the Jordan Times, Dr. Bseiso who was in Amman for a short visit, said 1996 figures indicated that 90 per cent of the Palestinian imports come from Israel, with a total value of \$1.3 billion. The PNA foreign

imports, including those from Israel, totalled \$1.5 billion in the same year, while Palestinian's exports to Israel totalled \$278 million in 1996.

"Our objective now is not a secret. We want to reduce our dependency on Israeli-made goods," he said.

"This will have a very negative impact on the Israeli economy because the Palestinian market is considered the second largest market for Israel after the U.S.," Dr. Bseiso said.

Dr. Bseiso's comments came amid continuous Israeli closures of the Palestinian territories following the July 30 double suicide bombing in Jerusalem, which killed 14 Israelis and injured 150.

Palestinian figures indicated that in 1996, under Israeli government order, the Palestinian territories were closed 118 days compared with 98 days in 1995, 77 in 1994 and 43 days in the first eight months of this year.

"The Israeli measures are disastrous on the Palestinian economy," said Dr. Bseiso. "They aim at killing the PNA's endeavour to rebuild the infrastructure of the Palestinian economy."

The Palestinian official said the total loss to the economy from the closures amounted to \$167.2 million since the siege was imposed — that is \$8.8 million a day.

The loss incurred because

of Israeli decision to ban more than 50,000 Palestinian workers to go to their jobs in Israel is estimated at \$2 million a day.

Dr. Bseiso added that the daily loss to the agriculture sector is estimated at \$2 million, the industrial sector \$1.8 million, transportation sector \$1 million and trade \$2 million.

The Palestinian official said that the PMA has adopted several measures to avoid any monetary problems for the 20 Palestinian and foreign banks represented in the PNA, with a total of 78 branches.

Among the problems that were expected is the decrease of the liquidity in these banks, the inability of the Palestinian banks to move from one city to another, and the irregularity of cheques availability at the clearance houses.

He added that the PMA has requested that the Central Bank of Israel interfere to ease these problems, in line with the monetary agreements signed between the two sides.

Dr. Bseiso said that the newly-established Palestinian Stock Market in the West Bank town of Nablus has been negatively affected because of the closures.

To illustrate, he said that the total number of stocks that changed hands in the bourse on Aug. 10 reached 4,431 shares with a total value of JD14,953 compared with 140,970 shares, worth JD226,368 on Aug.

6. Dr. Bseiso said "the general performance of the bourse will continue to retreat if the closure continues."

"The Israeli measures are creating a polluted atmosphere for investment in the Palestinian territories. No foreign investor will dare to invest in such a climate," Dr. Bseiso said.

He said the Israeli decision to freeze the payment of \$50 million, which were earned from custom duties and taxes, to the PNA has crippled the cash-strapped Palestinian authority and has held up salaries for civil and military employees in the self-rule areas.

According to the Palestinian official, the PNA should receive \$513 million from Israel annually, which constitute 63 per cent of the 1997 annual budget revenues.

Dr. Bseiso said the PNA should pay \$42 million as salaries to these employees this month.

The official said the PNA might borrow from Palestinian and foreign banks to pay for the salaries adding that the "borrowing will not be a problem for the short run, but it will be a great problem if the closure continues."

"The siege is a financial disaster and will harm the peace process," Dr. Bseiso said. "Israel has to refrain from this policy and implement what has been agreed upon with the Palestinians."

## Currency crisis in South East Asia highlights lack of financial reforms

SINGAPORE (AFP) —

South East Asia's currency turmoil has exposed the lack of financial reforms in the region to cope with rapid economic growth and capital flows, economists have said.

They also warned that a tendency to blame outsiders for the crisis, triggered by an effective devaluation of the Thai baht on July 2, could lead to a dilution of financial sector reforms which could aggravate economic problems.

Ulrich Hiemenz, director of the Paris-based Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), said large capital inflows that fuelled the region's economic boom could not be sustained if they were not backed up by financial sector reforms.

"Therefore, it is not surprising that the IMF (International Monetary Fund) position is that if the banking sector is not up to the mark, one should be cautious about capital flows," he told the "1997 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) roundtable" conference.

Mr. Hiemenz said that South East Asia's financial services, being part of the larger services sector, needed a boost through reforms to cope with the explosive growth in manufacturing derived from foreign direct investments. "You can't keep one window open and the others shut," he said.

Wendy Dobson, director of the University of Toronto's Centre for International Business, said there was concern

over economies "turning inward" because of the currency turmoil.

"There needs to be understanding that turning inward and stopping capital inflows and foreign direct investment is not a solution at all. Rather, it is to look to the framework of existing policies," she said.

Ms. Dobson said monetary supervision should be beefed up to ensure that nations had the economic tools to cope with explosive growth.

"Often the framework is there but it is not enforced and so supervisors don't look at asset quality, don't look at loan portfolios with a very hard head and say, maybe, there is too much real estate lending and we should cap that," she said.

Ms. Dobson also criticised

those who blamed outside forces for the currency turmoil whose casualties have included the Philippine peso, the Malaysian ringgit, the Indonesian rupiah and the Singapore dollar besides the baht.

Foreign ministers of the Association of South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) who met in Kuala Lumpur last month, expressed concern over speculative attacks on their currencies, which have dipped against the U.S. dollar.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammad singled out Hungarian-born billionaire financier George Soros for the turmoil, saying he used his huge finances to bet on the U.S. dollar against the regional currencies.

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Major Currencies & Cross Rates									
Currency	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	CAD	FRF	ITL	ESP
US Dollar	1.0000	1.8215	0.6208	1.5090	117.68	1.3886	1778.70	2.0508	1.3555
DE Mark	0.5490	1.0000	0.3405	0.6284	64.61	0.7620	976.23	1.1260	0.3682
GB Sterling	1.6108	2.9351	1.0000	2.4307	189.63	2.2368	2884.80	3.3028	0.8812
CH Franc	0.6627	120.64	0.4109	1.0000	77.97	0.9192	1177.95	138.85	4.0632
JP Yen	0.0085	1.5465	0.5269	1.2818	1.0000	1.1790	15.11	174.13	5.2093
CA Dollar	0.7201	1.3112	0.4458	1.0888	1.18	1.0000	1280.76	1.4764	0.4169
IT Lira	0.0006	1.0230	0.3485	0.9848	1514.00	0.7798	1152	3.4457	2.9810
NL Guilder	0.4476	88.78	0.3025	0.7351	57.35	0.8769	867.22	11.52	3.4100
FR Franc	0.1630	0.2958	0.1011	0.2458	19.16	0.2262	33.41	33.4100	0.2262

Middle Eastern Currencies									
Currency	USD	JOD	SAR	BAH	QAT	KUW	AED	YEM	EGP
US Dollar	1.0000	0.7080	3.7505	0.3770	3.6400	0.3044	3.6726	1539.00	3.3499
Jordan Dinar	1.4124	1.0000	5.2973	0.5325	5.1412	0.4299	5.1873	2173.73	4.7676
Saudi Riyal	0.2666	0.1888	1.0000	0.1005	0.97	0.0811	0.98	410.35	0.9034
Bahrain Dinar	2.55	1.8779	9.9477	1.0000	9.85	0.8073	9.74	4082.01	8.9966
Qatar Dinar	0.2747	0.1945	1.0304	1.0304	1.0000	0.8036	1.01	422.80	0.9342
Kuwait Dinar	3.2857	2.3263	12.3230	1.2388	11.98	1.0000	12.07	5056.68	0.9312
Emirates Dinar	0.2723	0.1928	1.0212	1.0212	0.9911	0.8029	1.00	419.05	0.9230
Lebanese 1000	0.65	0.4600	2.4370	0.2450	2.3652	0.1978	2.3864	1000.00	2.2025
Egyptian	0.2950	0.2089	1.1055	0.1112	1.0739	0.0898	1.0835	454.03	1.0000

Energy		USD	EUR
Brent	18.92	19.11	
WTI	19.79	20.05	
Bonny	18.92	19.11	
Dubai	17.65	17.58	
UL Gas	214.00	0.00	

Mid-East Currencies									
Currency	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	CAD	FRF	ITL	ESP
SA Riyal	0.2666	0.4859	0.16553	0.4028	31.4041				
AE Dirham	0.2723	0.49625	0.16904	0.41134	32.0898				
KW Dinar	3.2857	5.98802	2.03998	4.96278	386.997				
BH Dinar	0.3770	4.43325	1.64663	4.00641	312.402				
CY Pound	1.3585	3.3685	1.1546	2.8086	216.832				

Metal Prices			USD	EUR
Gold (oz's)	322.8	323.3		
Silver (oz's)	4.48	4.51		
Platinum (oz's)	416	419		
Al (3 Months)	1675	1680		
Cu (3 Months)	2160	2165		
Zinc (3 Months)	1491	1493		
Lead (3 Months)	610	611		
Ni (3 Months)	6690	6695		

Currency Deposit Rates (Bid)									
Period	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	CAD	FRF	ITL	ESP
1 Month	5.50	5.58	5.88	5.75	5.84				
3 Months	6.34	7.12	7.12	7.30	7.37				
6 Months	6.50	6.43	6.45	6.82	6.51				
1 Year	2.54	3.09	3.08	3.25	3.50				
2 Year	3.20	3.33	3.44	3.54	3.81				
3 Year	1.18	1.41	1.56	1.82	1.89				
4 Year	6.90	6.84	6.78	6.72	6.50				

Main Equity Indices											
Source	Index	Value	Change	% Change	Source	Index	Value	Change	% Change	Source	Index
New York	DOW JONES	7691.41	-3.25	-0.04	New York	S&P 500	899.85	-0.96	-0.11	London	FTSE 100
New York	S&P 500	899.85	-0.96	-0.11	London	FTSE 100	4855.1	-30.7	-0.63	Tokyo	NIKKEI 225
London	FTSE 100	4855.1	-30.7	-0.63	Tokyo	NIKKEI 225	19041.1	-284.93	-1.47	Paris	CAC 40
Tokyo	NIKKEI 225	19041.1	-284.93	-1.47	Paris	CAC 40	2870.13	-51.71	-1.77	Frankfurt	DAX
Paris	CAC 40	2870.13	-51.71	-1.77	Frankfurt	DAX	4078.5	-74.28	-1.79		
Frankfurt	DAX	4078.5	-74.28	-1.79							

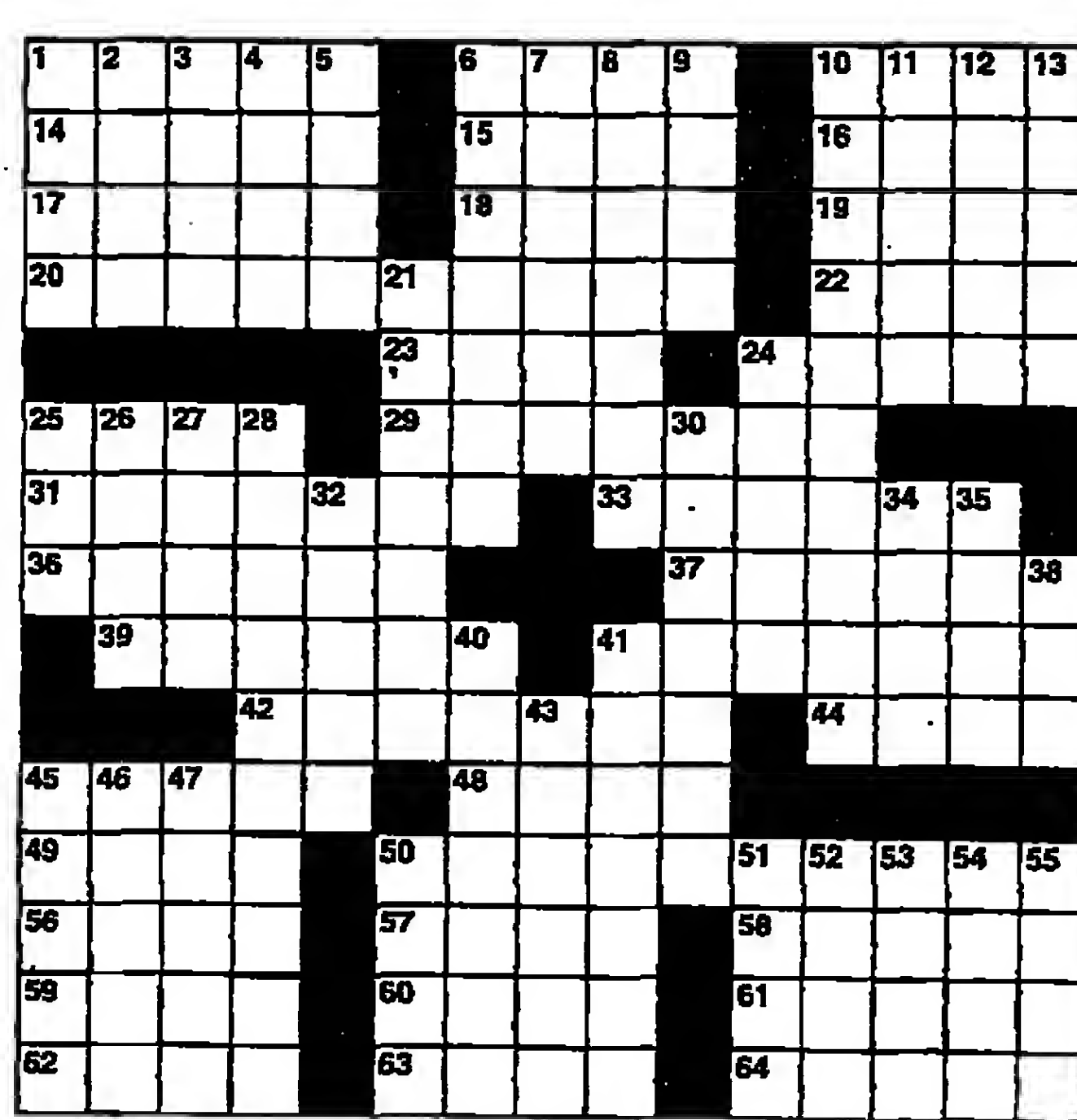
Energy			USD	EUR
Coffee (c/lbs)	178	Spot		
Cocoa (\$/ton)	1541	Spot		
Sugar (\$/ton)	348.2	Spot		
Wheat (\$/ton)	145	Spot		
Soya (c/lbs)	22.37	Spot		
Tea (slg/kg)	165	Spot		
Barley (\$/bsh)	0	Spot		
Rice (\$/ton)	450	Spot		

JOD Cross Rates									
Currency	USD	DEM	GBP	CHF	JPY	CAD	FRF	ITL	ESP
US Dollar	0.7080	0.710							
GB Sterling	1.4124	1.469							
DE Mark	0.3044	0.3924							
CH Franc	0.4712	0.4738							
FR Franc	0.1158	0.1184							
JP Yen	0.8038	0.8065							
NL Guilder	0.3465	0.3482							
IT Lira	0.3994	0.4014							

\* Source: Central Bank of Jordan.

### THE Daily Crossword

ACROSS  
1 Oscar-winning director  
6 "The Good Queen"  
10 In boots  
14 Crazy as —  
15 Use abusive language  
16 Architect Saarinen  
17 Raves about  
18 Ratio words  
19 Restaurant item  
20 Frost poem  
22 Bargain-hunter's delight  
23 Margarine  
24 Many a time  
25 Effort  
29 Final goals  
31 Floor mats used in Japan  
33 Feels remorse  
36 Author Hilaire  
37 Penetrate  
39 "— of the Field"  
41 Incomplete  
42 Central Caucasians  
44 "Grand Ole —"  
45 Nautical term  
48 Bryophyte  
49 Feudal subject  
50 Entertainers in a sideshow  
56 Mohammedan magistrate  
57 Dill, of yore  
58 Put some pep into  
59 Redolence  
60 Scarlett's place  
61 Kin of the giraffe  
62 Radial, in London  
63 God of love  
64 Wine type



by Bernice Gordon

Puzzle solved:

POTS	SNIP	HELOT
AREA	ESAU	ALIKE
ICE	CREAM	PARLORS
LANKA	BANDANA	S
HAM	DEBT	SHALOM
AMEN	RBIS	INUSE
WATERMELON	PATCH	
KNAVE	DEAD	SEAT
SALADS	DRAM	SRA
EEL	SKAT	
OILWELLS	KABOB	
STEAM	LOCOMOTIVE	
HEAVE	YARE	EDEN
ASKED	DRAW	RENT

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DOWN  
1 Young elephant  
2 Mountain range in Kirghiz  
3 Serve tea  
4 Traveled  
5 Handle  
6 Takes offense  
7 Less strenuous  
8 "Roseanne" and "Ellen"  
9 Fruit of the blackthorn  
10 Torches  
11 City on the Hari Rud  
12 Church vestment  
13 Senior member  
21 Spots  
24 Walking — (elated)  
25 Theologian's degree  
26 Weight in Asia  
27 Leader of the Huns  
28 Go-getter  
30 Deadlock  
32 A bit dewy  
34 Cause to stumble  
35 Leave signs of damage  
38 English cathedral  
40 Graduate school group  
41 Cash in Santander  
43 Foe of the corrida bull  
45 Scarf  
46 Like some eyes  
47 Intensity  
50 Lot  
51 Leaning  
52 "Kon—"  
53 Designer — Pione  
54 A used car, sometimes  
55 Agitated state

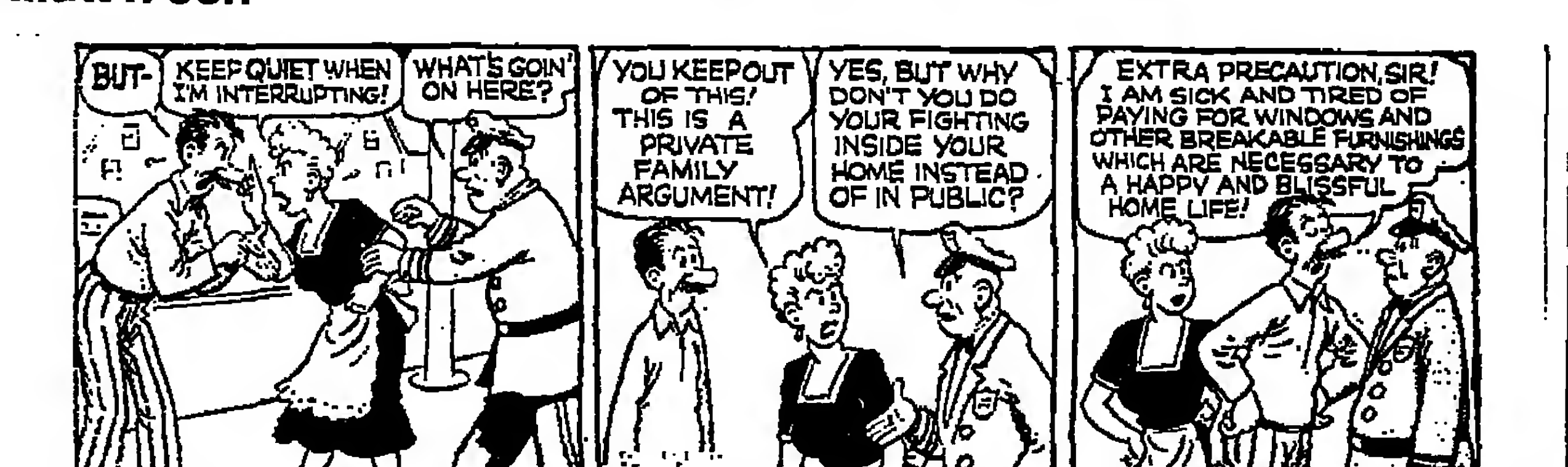
### Peanuts



### Andy Capp



### Mutt'n'Jeff



HOROSCOPE  
FORECAST FOR  
TUESDAY, AUGUST  
19, 1997  
By Thomas S. Pierson,  
Astrologer, Carroll  
Righter Foundation

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Forget day-dreaming today, labour on practical duties and listen carefully to the ideas of a helpful fellow associate. Drive with utmost care while on the highway later this evening, thereby you can avoid any disagreements. TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Keep the faith in someone who has done you wrong. Start planning for a brief, however, important business trip. Later this evening will be a good time for you and some close friends to participate in recreational activities.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Follow up on neglected family ties today which you have not been in contact for some time. They might be helpful in an emergency. Keep close control of stress and don't allow it overwhelm your life. Get lots of sleep tonight.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Stay the course, stick to your plans, don't go off on any tangents at this time. A stranger could cause you grief, if you allow this person to get the better of you. Heed those closest to you or you could be hurt. LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Look at the examples of others today in order to better handle your own money affairs. Your mate may not be thinking clearly lately, so be patient and you will discover that everything will be normal.

VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) Emphasis on values, don't allow your attitude to be completely materialistic. Seek new and different ideas for getting your career activities more in order. Later this evening will be good for meeting with close friends. LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Increase your productivity today by getting rid of inner ambiguity. Seek cheerful companions later this evening who will understand what your difficulties are. This is a good time for you to seek out knowledgeable people for advice.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Avoid one who might waste your time today and seek those who appreciate your talents. Potential for greater prosperity exists, if you are willing to go after it with full force. Pace yourself until later this evening.



## High prices presage era of food scarcity

WASHINGTON (R) — The grain price increases of the mid-1990s suggest the world is moving into an era of food scarcity, the World Bank's Institute said on Saturday in a report that cited a number of factors that could lead to a sharp decline in food output.

"All the key food security indicators signal a shift from surplus to scarcity," said the report.

In the report and in an interview, Institute president, Lester Brown said food-importing nations should ponder how to ensure there is enough food for their citizens without relying on outside sources.

"It's the risk of being

grain-dependent," Mr. Brown said.

The nations of East Asia, Northern Africa and the Middle East import at least half of their grain. There is a limited number of large-volume grain exporters — Argentina, Australia, Canada, the European Union and the United States.

"Food scarcity may provide the environmental wake-up call the world has long needed," said the report entitled "The Agricultural Link."

"Rising food prices may indicate the urgency of reversing the trends of environmental degradation before resulting political instability reaches the point

where economic progress is no longer possible," it said.

World corn and wheat prices reached record levels in early 1995 when short crops and high demand sharply reduced the size of global stockpiles. Prices have retreated somewhat.

Even with the forecast large crops this year, the world will see the third year in a row when stockpiles equal less than 60 days of use, "well below the 70-day minimum needed to cushion even one poor harvest," the report said.

"It means regardless of what happens ... we're going to be close to the edge," Mr. Brown said.

The report listed several possible constraints on

expansion of food production — urban demands for water now used for irrigation, land lost to erosion and urban sprawl, and stagnant yields — to suggest food would be the first area where economic demands would collide with environmental limits.

It may be time, the report said, to reconsider use of land for non-essential crops. An end to tobacco cultivation would free 12.5 million acres enough to grow 15 million metric tonnes of grain. In the event of a world food emergency, a "meat tax" on consumption of livestock products would mean more grain for direct human consumption.

## Qatari bourse surges ahead on high demand

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Qatar's burgeoning bourse is surging ahead as more investors join the market and most trading institutions report strong performances, bourse officials have said.

Two months after the Doha Securities Market (DSM) was inaugurated, the market capitalisation of its 17 listed banks and companies has jumped by more than 40 per cent and the index has gained around 16 points.

"The market is very active compared to share-dealing before it started operation," DSM's acting manager, Ghunem Al Hamadi, told AFP.

"The establishment of

the bourse has boosted the confidence of investors and this has combined with good performance of trading companies to keep the market busy. We expect it to get busier after the summer holidays," he said.

From around six billion riyals (\$1.64 billion) before the bourse was launched on May 26, the capitalisation of the listed institutions soared to nearly \$5 billion riyals (\$2.33 billion).

The index climbed to 146 points this week from 130 two months ago while turnover, the value of traded shares, totalled around 48 million riyals (\$13.1 million) during June and

July, bourse figures showed.

"This is a high figure considering the usually quiet summer months. There is no doubt it will be sharply higher later this year," Mr. Hamadi said.

Qatar opened the formal exchange in a bid to attract investment as part of reforms launched by Emir Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani.

Share dealing had been conducted through banks and brokers and Qatar had one of the lowest levels of turnover in the region because

of investor reluctance in the absence of a floor and information on corporate results.

Trading remains confined to Qataris but bourse officials say there are plans to join Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) in setting up mutual funds which will give access to foreign investors.

"A law governing such

funds has been enacted. We expect it to be enforced early next year and such funds could then materialise," Mr. Hamadi said.

He said mutual funds would activate the market by boosting share prices and attract the savings of the large foreign community in the Gulf country.

Asked whether foreigners would be allowed to own shares in the listed companies, he said: "There are plans to open up the market for expatriates. The mutual funds are just a beginning. We believe in step by step."

Mr. Hamadi said DSM has approved an application from a local company to be listed next week and three other firms will join the bourse in the next three months.

Qatar, the third biggest gas power in the world, is the fourth Gulf Cooperation Council state to have an official exchange.

Bahrain, Kuwait and Oman already have floors while the UAE also intends to set up such a project.

In Saudi Arabia, share

## Daily Beat

A review of news from the Arabic press

## Amman ranks the fifth highest most expensive city in Africa and the Mideast

AMMAN IS the fifth most expensive city in the Africa and Middle East region, a survey conducted by the Resources Corporate Group shows. Tel Aviv ranked first and was followed by Cairo, Dubai, Abu Dhabi and then Amman. On a list of 145 cities surveyed around the world, Amman was in the 33rd place whereas Tel Aviv was in the 21st place and Cairo in the 30th.

According to the United Nations Development Programme's Human Development Report for the year 1997, the ranking of the Kingdom dropped from the 70th rank to the 84th place in the field of human development. The report covered 174 countries around the globe. The index for poverty showed Jordan in the eighth rank among the world developing countries.

A government official said recently that there is always a black out on actual figures and facts. He pointed out that the government calculates the average rate of inflation on the basis of a basket consisting of 600 basic and non-essential products when such a basket should contain only between 40 to 48 products. He explained that prices of basic commodities rise quickly whereas prices of non-essential goods stay unchanged or might even decline slightly.

"The official emphasised the importance of reconsidering the method of calculating inflation by tracing the prices of around 48 basic products which are in heavy demand, as such, "we will find out that the rate of inflation is much higher than the announced figures."

He revealed that a recent study has showed that the rate of unemployment in the Kingdom exceeds 25 per cent and is not 14 per cent as publicly announced.

Furthermore, he added, the actual rate of poverty in Jordan is 32 per cent and not 20 per cent because the calculation should not measure the number of poor families to the total number of families as some families have an average of more than nine members compared to others where the average number of members in the family is less than six.

Noting that the rise in prices and inflation was not met by an adequate increase in incomes, the official source indicated that civil servants earn about JD158 per month and that such an income has not improved for the past three years.

"If compared to the wages of 1990, the monthly salary has now declined to about JD96 relative to the increase in prices," he concluded (Al Dustour).

## THE BETTER HALF. By Glasbergen

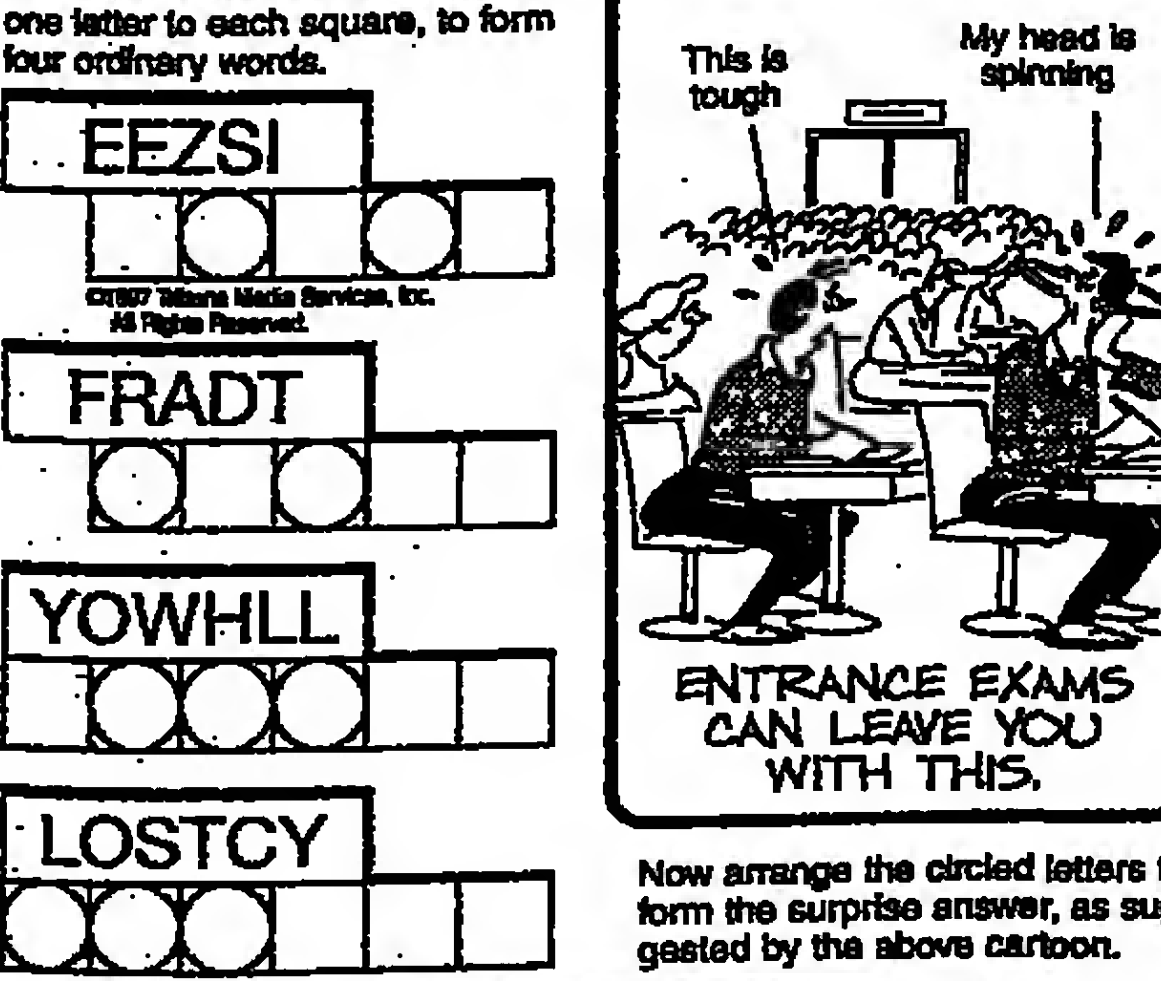
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"I forgot which kind of flavored coffee you like. Is Sour Cream & Onion okay?"

## JUMBLE. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.



Print answer here: \_\_\_\_\_

Yesterday's Jumbles: FUNNY AWOKE PIRACY DEFAUNE

Answer: What the Olympic sprinter did when he retired — HE RAN FOR OFFICE

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET											
HOUSING BANK EXCHANGE - JORDANIAN											
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ORGANIZED MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR MONDAY 18/08/1997											
PAST 12 MONTHS HIGH	PAST 12 MONTHS LOW	COMPANY'S NAME	P / E	DIV.	NO. OF SHARES	NO. OF TRADING	VALUED TRADED	OPEN PRICE	CLOSE PRICE	CHANGE	
298.000	219.000	ARAB BANK	13.3	1.38	1	20	5780	289.00	289.00	-	
2.340	1.480	JOR. NATIONAL BK.	8	0.00	33	10987	21948	2.00	2.00	-	
1.210	.880	MID. EAST INV. BK.	59.8	0.00	2	500	458	.91	.91	-	
2.480	2.130	INDUSTRIAL DEV. BK.	8.5	7.35	10	14600	33708	2.33	2.30	-.03	
4.380	2.440	JOR. KUNAT BANK	11.3	0.00	18	13329	10519	3.06	3.18	-.12	
1.050	.760	JOR. GULF BANK	4.6	9.09	3	1000	765	.78	.77	-.01	
4.050	2.480	JOR. ISLAMIC BANK	15.5	3.14	14	6613	25260	3.81	3.82	-.01	
1.110	.750	UNION BK. SAV. INV.	9	0.00	4	418	530	1.27	1.28	-.01	
1.440	.850	PHILADEL. INV. BK.	9	0.00	1	2000	1900	1.00	.95	-.05	
BANK SECTOR TOTALS			INDEX: 213.62	%CHG: +0.02	86	39467	100867				
2.230	1.590	JOR. FRENCH INSUR.	4.8	11.83	1	200	338	1.66	1.69	-.03	
INSURANCE SECTOR TOTALS			INDEX: 114.20	%CHG: +0.16	1	200	338				
1.820	1.500	JOR. ELECTRIC PWR.	8.1	5.99	32	26436	43968	1.67	1.67	-	
1.700	1.320	TRID. ELECTRICITY	10.7	6.42	16	12693	22710	1.70	1.78	-.08	
1.550	.930	NATL. PORTFOLIO	9	0.00	9	4444	5995	1.37	1.35	-.02	
1.010	.820	REAL ESTATE INV.	12.8	6.52	1	100	92	.96	.92	-.04	
3.720	2.890	ARAB TEL. INV. EDUC.	8.1	0.00	24	15901	49501	3.06	3.27	-.21	
1.220	.930	ZAKA EDUCATION	9	0.00	8	24930	24607	.98	.99	-.01	
2.230	1.630	UNITED CO.	8.4	6.21	1	50	89	1.77	1.77	-	
SERVICE SECTOR TOTALS			INDEX: 110.60	%CHG: +0.52	93	84553	146961				
1.170	.930	ATTACHMENT	9	0.00	3	2500	2500	1.33	1.00	-.03	
4.450	3.220	JOR. CEMENT FACT.	26.7	2.77	31	14489	57418	.97	.97	-	
4.140	2.750	JOR. PHOSPHATE MINES	10.8	2.56	2	1500	5950	3.95	3.90	-.05	
7.050	5.100	ARAB POTASH CO.	14.2	3.28	2	245	1490	6.10	6.10	-	
10.380	9.040	JOR. PETROL. REFINERY	9.8	8.77	22	1144	11243	10.08	10.13	-.05	
3.260	1.650	INDUSTRIAL COM. AG.	9	0.00	8	2249	4069	1.80	1.82	-.02	
4.250	3.040	ARAB PHARM. IND.	11.4	4.82	29	10404	43123	4.14	4.15	-.01	
5.650	4.300	DAR ALDIA. DV. INV.	13.2	4.63	6	816	816	5.46	5.40	-.06	
3.850	2.400	ARAB ALUM. IND.	5.7	10.33	4	1725	4148	2.40	2.42	-.02	
.960	.450	LIVESTOCK & POULTRY	9.9	0.00	1	1250	588	.47	.47	-	
1.300	1.000	ARAB PAPER CORP. TRD.	31.8	0.00	2	5500	5720	1.04	1.04	-	
1.710	1.320	UNIV. MORN. INDS.	9	0.00	2	1000	520	.52	.52	-	
1.210	.510	INTERMED. PETRO. CHEM.	9	0.00	10	8350	4634	.55	.56	-.01	
.980	.530	JOR. ROCHOCOL. INDS.	9	0.00	2	1250	825	.66	.66	-	
3.000	2.130	NATL. CABLE WIRE MFG.	36.6	0.00	2	550	1242	2.28	2.28	-	
.920	.530	JOR. SULPHO. CHEM.	9	0.00	6	4250	2640	.64	.62	-.02	
1.670	1.120	ARAB PHARM. CHEM.	17.0	5.26	3	1050	1297	1.32	1.33	-.01	
1.970	1.080	UNIV. MORN. INDS.	9	0.00	2	1000	7467	1.26	1.25	-.01	
1.510	.990	JOR. INDUS. RESOURCES	13.0	10.31	30	11963	11554	.99	.97	-.02	
1.620	1.300	NATL. CHLORINE	14.5	4.55	18	102175	157388	1.57	1.54	-.03	
1.070	.810	JOR. NEW CABLE CO.	15.8	0.00	6	2950	2537	.86	.88	-.02	
2.090	1.340	EL. CAY READY WEAR	52.1	0.00	5	667	960	1.50	1.48	-.02	
1.330	1.080	INTEL. TOBACCO	6.2	0.00	10	4562	5197	1.14	1.14	-	
1.200	.860	UNION CH. & VEG.	45.9	0.00	47	44845	44394	.96	1.01	-.05	
INDUSTRIAL SECTOR TOTALS			INDEX: 121.80	%CHG: -0.17	271	231427	381712				
GRAND TOTAL			INDEX: 163.97	%CHG: -0.02	451	355647	629877				
PARALLEL MARKET SHARE PRICE LIST FOR MONDAY 18/08/1997											
.630	.340	CENTRAL GEN. STORAGE	9	0.00	4	6500	2225	.34	.35	-.01	
.650	.400	JOR. TRADE FAC.	11.2	0.00	9	21150	8582	.40	.42	-.02	
1.550	1.070	ZARA FOR INVESTMENT	70.2	0.00	1	500	535	1.07	1.07	-	
.950	.540	JOR. FIN. INV. CO.	9	0.00	12	13600	7451	.55	.56	-.01	
.840	.600	UNION INV. CO.	9	0.00	7	35049	7009	.70	.70	-	
.570	.370	ARAB FIN. INVEST.	9	0.00	19	30250	11949	.39	.40	-.01	
.950	.720	AL-SHARQ INV. CO.	9	0.00	8	56200	47770	.85	.85	-	
.950	.610	AL-SHARQ INV. CO.	68.1	0.00	14	34576	16520	.70	.71	-.01	
.730	.510	ARAB FOOD & MFG.	9	0.00	10	5400	2864	.53	.53	-	
.570	.380	ARAB INTL. INV. TRD.	47.2	0.00	1	150	62	.41	.41	-	
.750	.400	NATL. MORN. INDS.	35.3	0.00	21	33550	15431	.46	.46	-	
.620	.710	JORDAN STEEL	35.3	6.41	10	9050	7130	.80	.78	-.02	
.580	.430	ARAB ELECT. INDS.	9	0.00	1	1000	500	.50	.50	-	
.730	.580	HIDRANT TRADING	75.4	0.00	6	5000	1800	.62	.61	-.01	
1.190	.860	UNION TOBACCO 75%	9	0.00	19	13682	10305	.97	1.02	-.05	
.670	.550	RABT PHARM. 85%	9	0.00	8	13046	5871	.60	.60	-	
.570	.320	TRD. INV. CO.	9	0.00	9	6850	2319	.33	.34	-.01	
.520	.240	1. TECTITE MANUF.	9	0.00	1	350	81	.24	.23	-.01	
.760	.530	PEARL SAR. P. CORP.	9	0.00	2	450	525	.53	.50	-.03	
1.000	.730	NAT. ALUMINUM 75%	7.9	0.00	38	104000	51360	.74	.75	-.01	
.850	.590	MID. EAST COMPLEX	7.9	15.63	2	2000	1270	.64	.64	-	
GRAND TOTAL			202	395253	201340						

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## Cameroon joins African qualifiers

JOHANNESBURG (AFP) — The African qualifiers for the 1998 World Cup ended on Sunday with Cameroon booking a place in France and fellow finalists Nigeria suffering a rare defeat.

North African giants Tunisia and Egypt went on scoring sprees at home and Ghana ended another disappointing campaign with a shock home loss to Sierra Leone.

Cameroon joined Nigeria, Tunisia, South Africa and Morocco as the African representatives at the quadrennial football showcase by defeating Zimbabwe 2-1 in Harare.

Japanese-based striker Patrick Mboma struck twice within 11 minutes early in the second half for the indomitable lions, who had lost on three previous visits to the Zimbabwean capital.

Bernard Tchoutang, who has been on trial with English First Division club Swindon town, was twice foiled by the woodwork before Edelbert Dinha grabbed a late consolation goal.

Nigeria surrendered a 13-match unbeaten record in World Cup qualifiers stretching

back to 1989 when Fode Camara scored the only goal midway through the second half in Guinea.

Egypt followed up their eight-goal rout of Ethiopia in the African Nations Cup last month by slamming five past Liberia in Alexandria with defender Samir Kamouna among the marksmen.

German-based midfielder Zoubair Beye was on target in each half as Tunisia triumphed 4-0 at home to Namibia in a match delayed 24 hours because the visitors arrived late.

Goals from Jamiru Amidu and Mohammed Kallon earned Sierra Leone a 2-0 victory over Ghana, second place behind Morocco in Group 5, and put the future of black stars Dutch coach Rinus Israel in doubt.

Paulo Jorge Da Silva gave Angola the lead in Togo on the stroke of half-time only for Tunisian-based striker Wadja Lantam to level 120 seconds into the second half.

## Brolin in more trouble with Leeds

LEEDS (AFP) — Maverick Leeds striker Tomas Brolin is heading for a fresh confrontation with the English Premiership club after criticising manager George Graham over the weekend.

The Swedish international, whose career has gone into steep decline since moving from Parma nearly two years ago, accused Graham of ignoring him and trying to kick him out of the club.

The 27-year-old insisted he was told he had a chance to salvage his place in the Leeds side, despite walking out on the club last autumn and spending six months on loan to Serie A giants Parma.

Brolin eventually returned towards the end of pre-season and he says that, even though he worked hard in training, Graham has not given him a chance to prove his worth.

"After telling me I could save my career at Leeds and make a go of it this season, all they've done is try to kick me out," said Brolin.

"If George has a problem with me he could at least say something to my face. Instead, he has given me the silent treatment and any news about my future has come second or third hand. I'm not just hurt and angry. I'm confused."

Graham is now likely to step up his bid to try and sell him and recoup some money before the Bosman ruling takes effect and Brolin can leave on a free transfer.

Graham said the club will take disciplinary action against Brolin, confirming: "I have not read the full piece. All I know is what I have read on teletext. But the matter will be handled internally."

## Johnson finishes fifth in London

LONDON (AFP) — World record-holder Michael Johnson suffered the ignominy of being beaten by three British runners in a rare 200 metres outing at the Crystal Palace International athletics meeting here on Sunday.

Veteran Doug Turner claimed an astonishing victory in 20.73 seconds as Johnson, who won the world 400m title in Athens earlier this month, trailed in a sad fifth in 20.87, over a second and a half down on his world record.

Briton Marcus Adam, who amazingly has beaten Johnson five times in his last nine races against the American, was second in 20.74 ahead of compatriot James Golding (20.80) and Latvian Sergei Insakov (20.85).

Johnson left the 9,000 fans feeling short-changed after being paid an estimated 60,000 pounds in appearance money.

The dual Olympic champion also pulled out of the 4x400m relay and hurried away from the stadium in south London with his manager Brad Hunt without offering any explanation.

"He looked to me that his heart just wasn't in it," said Turner of the American. "I think he was just running for the money and to keep the people happy."

Winner Turner is still in the throws of a battle with the British authorities over a positive drugs test.

Turner was banned by the Scottish Games Association



World record holder and Olympic champion Michael Johnson (C) of the United States sprints with British challengers Daniel Money (L) and Julian Golding towards the finish line in the 200 metre event during an exhibition athletics challenge at Crystal Palace. Johnson finished only in fifth place in a pedestrian time of 20.87, one-and-a-half seconds outside his world record time of 19.32 (Reuters photo).

for three months after testing positive for ephedrine at the annual professional meeting in Edinburgh over the New Year.

But he competed at the world indoor championships in Paris last March while still under that suspension because the SGA did not inform the British Athletic Federation of the ban.

Turner, who is due to meet BAF sometime in the future to sort out the dispute, said: "I don't know how I ended up with the drug. I am still trying to work that out."

"I can't even run outside

the country because the IAAF want to find out from the BAF what happened. I'm very angry that it's still going on."

Though there was defeat for one Olympic champion, the other on view — Canada's world record holder Donovan Bailey — recorded a comfortable victory in the 100m.

Bailey, who lost his world crown in Athens earlier this month and struggled in Zurich last Wednesday, won in 10.13secs from his international select teammate Vince Henderson of the United States (10.22).

Briton Iwan Thomas, another returning to the track for the first time since Athens, comfortably won the 400m.

Thomas, whose brave bid for world championship glory ended with defeat at the hands of Johnson and no medal, won in 44.69 from American Antonio Pettigrew (44.94) javelin thrower Steve Buckley was beaten by Marius Corbett, who had denied him the gold at the world championships. His longest throw of 87.14 being 32cm down on the South African.

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A combo photograph showing Italian soccer player Robert Baggio as he showed up for training in Bologna August 16 (R) and with his famous ponytail (L) during a match on April 28, 1996. The most famous ponytail in world soccer has been given the chop and now lies quietly in a drawer in Baggio's house in northern Italy. The Italian striker told reporters he was tired of having long hair when he turned up to a weekend training session in his new hair style (Reuters photo).

## Juventus send Inter poison dart over Ronaldo

MILAN (AFP) — Juventus boss Giovanni Agnelli has fired a poison dart at Inter Milan, warning them that Ronaldo will be no guarantee of success this season.

Agnelli, whose family control the Fiat car empire and who also own Juventus, said of the 20-year-old Brazilian: "He could be useful, but he won't be enough."

The club's honorary president also doubted reports

that Inter stand to earn around \$200 million from Ronaldo over the next nine years of his contract.

"It's difficult to always to do great business over footballers and I'm not convinced that Ronaldo will be a great piece of business," he said. "I hope for Inter's sake that he is, but I'm not so sure about it."

"He's a very good player, the best player around at the moment, but just because

you've got him in your team it doesn't mean to say that you're going to win everything."

Inter president Massimo Moratti refused to rise to the bait.

"It seems that he wishes Inter and Ronaldo well, and that's a nice, friendly thing to do," said the oil magnate. "I hope he's sincere about it."

"I took a gamble by buying Ronaldo, and I hope it will be a winner. For the moment, I'm happy."

Agnelli also tried to dampen down AC Milan's optimism that coach Fabio Capello has returned to take the club back to the top — starting with Tuesday night's Berlusconi trophy match here against Juventus.

"The best coach in the world is our Marcello Lippi. Fabio Capello was a good player at Juventus and has become a good coach."

But we've got the best coach in the world and we're keeping him."

Agnelli seized on the numerous changes that have been made in Milan's squad, with 11 new signings in the wake of their dismal season.

"Milan have the squad with the most star players overall," he said, before adding: "But having star players is one thing and having the most well-organised team is another. And that takes time."

## Kafelnikov wins second title of year

NEW HAVEN, Connecticut (AFP) — Russia's Yevgeny Kafelnikov won his second title of 1997 and rose to third in the ATP rankings by beating eighth seed Pat Rafter 7-6 (7/4), 6-4, in the international final Sunday.

Top seed Kafelnikov won \$150,000 by downing the Australian here at the \$1 million event, a hardcourt tuneup for the U.S. Open that begins August 25 in New York.

Rafter, who has lost all four of his ATP finals this year, settled for a consolation check of \$80,000 and the knowledge that his run lifted him to a career high of 14th in the world.

Rafter became the ATP's highest-ranked Australian, passing Mark Philippoussis.

Playing in hot but less humid conditions than those made his semi-final an ordeal, Kafelnikov held a slight edge through the first set, with Rafter having to save two break points in the opening game and another at 3-3.

After taking the tie-breaker, Kafelnikov held off two break points to hold for 1-0 in the second set, and broke for 2-0 with two fine service returns and then a double-fault from Rafter.

Rafter, who drew the major support from his appreciative crowd for his



Yevgeny Kafelnikov

gallant running and a couple of close calls that went against him, grabbed a life-

line by breaking Kafelnikov for the only time as the Russian served for the

match at 5-3.

Kafelnikov remained calm and gained his first match point in the next game when Rafter netted a forehand volley. Rafter fired his 10th ace to hold off defeat, but a backhand pass from Kafelnikov and a long backhand from Rafter ended the 90-minute contest.

"I wanted to get on top of my game this week and be ready for the U.S. Open, and it couldn't be any better than this," said Kafelnikov, who knew he would have many chances to earn points by passing Rafter. That was especially crucial in the final game.

"He thought he would have no chance on the baseline against me and I think he was right, but fortunately I was able to pass him. If it had got to 5-5, you don't know what could happen."

Rafter, who had contested three consecutive night matches, admitted he was knocked back by the heat.

"It was very hot and I hadn't played in those conditions all week," he said. "It was difficult for the game I have. But there are a lot of positives to take out of the week. I had lots of matches and it's been good for my confidence."

## Bolton sign Beardsley

BOLTON (AFP) — Bolton Wanderers signed Peter Beardsley from Newcastle in a 450,000 pounds (\$700,000) switch on Monday — then claimed they are close to capturing South African star Mark Fish.

The 36-year-old Newcastle striker was blocked from making the move just two weeks ago by the Newcastle board following the sale of Les Ferdinand to Spurs and Alan Shearer's injury.

But, with the recent arrival of John Barnes and Ian Rush at Newcastle, Bolton boss Colin Todd has netted the former England striker — to a medical — to end his summer-long striker search.

Meanwhile, Wanderers have agreed personal terms with two million pound rated (about 3.2 million pounds) Lazio central defender Mark Fish.

South African international Fish was a target for Manchester United several seasons ago but refused a trial with the Premiership champions.

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to show power. When no spade fit

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tract.

West led the nine of hearts. East

took the ace, king and queen of the

suit (it could have been better to

duck the first trick) and led another

to set up a long heart.

Declarer, Chip Marlet of Davis,

Calif., could count only six tricks

outside of diamonds. It was highly

unlikely that the spade suit would

produce three more without East

gaining the lead, although it was

possible that West held one king. If

it was the king of diamonds, all was

well, since the suit could be manip-

ulated to produce three tricks. If

West held the king of spades, a

minor miracle was necessary.

As the cards lay, declarer noticed

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tricks were needed, the hand could

be guaranteed on any 3-2 split if

West held the king, or on a 4-1

break if East held a singleton 2, 10

or 9. South simply led a diamond to

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Jonas Bjorkman

## Bjorkman beats Moya in rain-delayed final

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Ninth-seeded Jonas Bjorkman of Sweden overcame the rain to beat fifth-seeded Carlos Moya of Spain 6-3, 7-6 (7-3) Sunday in the finals of the RCA championships.

The victory was worth \$150,000 to Bjorkman, who was seeking to become the first player to win the singles and doubles titles at the Indianapolis tennis centre since it was converted from clay to hardcourts in 1988.

The start of the singles championship match was delayed about 90 minutes by rain and was halted for another 30 minutes in the second set by another shower.

"I felt really strong today. The other times I had a lot of problems," said the 25-year-old Swede, who had lost to Moya in their two previous matches.

Bjorkman had only two break points against him and won 79 per cent of his first serve points. He capitalised on his aggressive style to win 35 points in the 48 times he came to the net.

"I played really good from the baseline. I had a chance to move Carlos around. Instead of him moving me around like last time," said Bjorkman, who won his second singles title in four tries.

Moya, winless in four trips to the finals this year — including a loss to Pete Sampras in this year's Australian Open — blamed the second rain delay for his loss. It

came after he scored his only service break of the match, giving him a 2-1 lead in the second set.

"I was starting to play better and better. It came at the worst time for me," Moya said. "I went into the lockerroom. ... That was the key." Bjorkman, who lost only one set in his six matches, broke Moya in the opening game of the match, then held all three of his service games and closed out the 33-minute set on a double fault by Moya.

Trailing 1-2 in the second set, Bjorkman broke Moya immediately after play resumed to tie the set and each held to force the tiebreaker. Bjorkman gained one mini-break in the tiebreaker to go up 2-1. Moya tied the set again by winning the next point on Bjorkman's serve and the score was tied 3-3 before the champion captured the next four points.

"I think he was really tired at the end. He started to make mistakes," Moya said. "but I didn't take chances. He went to the net (at 2-2) and made an overhead. I lost it. ... I made some stupid mistakes. I didn't win because of stupid mistakes."

Moya, ranked ninth by the ATP Tour heading into the tournament, earned \$80,000 as his match record for the year slipped to 42-20. Bjorkman, who will move into the top 20 in the rankings for the first time ever with the victory, moved to 45-18.

## Dalglish hits out at 'dad's army' tag

NEWCASTLE (AFP) — Newcastle boss Kenny Dalglish is fuming at suggestions that his squad should now be dubbed "dad's army" or "Liverpool seniors" following the arrival of veterans John Barnes and Ian Rush.

His former Liverpool teammates from the 1980s join a squad which already includes the 35-year-old England full-back Stuart Pearce.

But Dalglish hit out at the sceptics, insisting ability, not age, was the decisive factor.

Introducing his new signings to the media, Dalglish said: "I don't see any problem. What is the difference between having a kid of 17 playing for us pre-season to these two lads who have still got it joining us? What does age matter if the ability is still there?"

"Surely the judgement must still be whether they can play their football at the highest level — I have no doubt about this."

"They still have huge amounts of ability and they are both still hungry to do well here, again I've no doubt about this."

Barnes himself has no doubts about his ability to play at the very highest level.

"I believe in my ability. I have never doubted it. In fact I still believe I could have played on at Liverpool and that I could make any other side that matter," said the 33-year-old former England winger.

Rush, 35, said he was delighted at the prospect of relaunching his career with the Magpies.

He said: "I have joined a very big club here. I am training better than ever and when I get up in the morning I look forward to my football more than I did when I was 25."

"I haven't come here for a ride. Naturally I want to try and fight for my place in the side but whatever happens I will be giving everything to the club and Kenny."

## Seles chucks up 3rd Toronto title

TORONTO (AFP) — American Monica Seles clinched a third successive Canadian Open title when she defeated Anke Huber 6-2, 6-4 in the final of the \$926,250 WTA event here on Sunday.

Seles broke the serve of her German opponent twice in the opening set. In the second Huber recovered from 3-1 down to lead 4-3 before losing her serve twice more as Seles completed victory in 75 minutes.

For 23-year-old Seles it was a second consecutive victory following her win in Los Angeles last week and continued her excellent preparation for the U.S. Open later this month.

"This is my favourite tournament, that's for sure," said the world number three.

"I'm very glad that I did decide to come back and defend my title and I will come back next year too to try to keep the streak going. I wish I had a Grand Slam tournament here."



Monica Seles, of the United States, looks up as she serves during her final match at the Canadian Open (Reuters photo)

Huber, who has yet to beat Seles in eight meetings, admitted that once again Seles had proved too strong.

"I want to congratulate her. I want to congratulate her."

Monica for her great tournament — she was just a little bit better than me," Huber said.

## Blue Jays beat Indians 10-5

CLEVELAND (AP) — Roger Clemens struck out 11 in his 19th victory as the Toronto Blue Jays snapped Cleveland's four-game winning streak with a 10-5 victory over the Indians in Major League baseball.

Clemens (19-4), who leads the majors in wins and is second in ERA, moved one victory away from his fourth 20-win season and first since 1990 as he bids for his fourth Cy Young Award.

It was Clemens' third straight double-digit strikeout game. 11th this season and 79th of his great career.

His ERA went from 1.66 to 1.78, still tops in the AL but second in the majors to Montreal's Pedro Martinez (1.70) with all his milestones. Clemens earned his first victory at Jacobs Field, where he came in 0-2 with a 7.01 ERA. He improved to 21-6 in his career against the Indians, his second-biggest victim after the Angels (25).

Clemens allowed four runs and six hits in seven innings, walking three.

Indians rookie Jaret Wright (3-2) took the loss.

Red Sox 10, Twins 5: In Boston, Nomar Garciaparra extended his hitting streak to 20, tying Fred Lynn's team rookie record as Boston sent the Twins to their ninth consecutive loss.

Aaron Sele (12-9) allowed two runs and four hits in seven innings. He had a 11.25 ERA in his previous four starts.

Boston improved to 62-63 and moved within one game of .500 for the first time since May 7 (15-16). The Twins, swept in the four-game series, have lost 12 of 13 and are on their longest losing streak since a nine-game slide from June 15-23, 1993.

Bob Tewksbury (4-9), activated from the disabled list prior to the game, allowed six runs and nine hits in four innings. He had been sidelined since July 22 because of a strained right shoulder.

Tigers 8, Royals 4: In Detroit, Travis Fryman drove in four runs and Damian Easley drove in three as Detroit stopped a four-game losing streak.

Greg Keagle (1-2) won for the first time in nine career starts, allowing three runs and five hits in seven innings. Keagle struck out seven and walked none.

Jose Rosado (8-9) was pounded for six runs and five hits in 2 1-3 innings, the shortest outing in 42 career starts. He is 1-6 in 11 starts since June 23.



Toronto Blue Jays pitcher Roger Clemens in action against the Cleveland Indians here at Jacobs Field. Clemens, who struck out 11 players in seven innings that he pitched, became the first pitcher in the American League to reach 19 wins. Blue Jays won, 10-5 (Reuters photo)

Yankees 8, Rangers 0: In New York, after David Cone removed himself in the second inning with a tight right shoulder, Ramiro Mendoza pitched six innings of two-hit relief and combined with Kenny Rogers on a three-hitter.

Mendoza (5-5), the loser in Saturday's game, combined with Rogers, who left his last start on Aug. 10 after three innings with a tight upper back. The left-hander struck out five in the final two innings.

Cone, who missed most of last season after surgery to repair an aneurysm in the same shoulder, threw 21 pitches in the first. He made several warm-up tosses before the second but stopped and walked into the Yankees' dugout.

A preliminary evaluation indicated muscle tightness and tendinitis in the shoulder, but no vascular abnormality relating to the right-hander's surgery.

Tim Lincecum went 3-for-5 with three RBIs and Paul O'Neill drove in three runs with a sacrifice fly and a two-run homer for the Yankees.

Bobby Witt (11-9) allowed 12 hits and all eight Yankees runs.

Orioles 5, Angels 4, 10 Innings: In Baltimore, Lenny Webster singled in the winning run in the bottom of the 10th inning Sunday as Baltimore rallied to win its seventh straight extra-inning game.

Aaron Ledesma hit his first major-league home run and Rafael Palmeiro had his 25th for the Orioles, who moved a season-high 33 games over .500 with their 15th win in 20 games.

Baltimore leads second-place New York by 4 games in the AL East.

Tim Salmon had three hits and an RBI and Rickey Henderson drove in two runs for Anaheim, which lost leads of 3-1 and 4-3 less than 24 hours after blowing a six-run cushion

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Lambert move to Celtic in doubt

GLASGOW (AFP) — Celtic's bid to sign Scotland star Paul Lambert from Borussia Dortmund was on the verge of collapse on Monday. The Glasgow Giants, desperate for reinforcements after a disastrous start to the season, were understood to have agreed a two million pounds (about \$3.2 million) fee for the midfielder. But Celtic general manager Jock Brown is now thought to have decided against a deal, while the player's agent Jim McElroy was clearly unimpressed by the offer. McElroy told the sun: "We're disappointed with the way business has been done. I don't know if Celtic were using this as a PR exercise." Lambert, who won a European Cup Winner's medal last season after Dortmund's surprise 3-1 victory over Juventus, is also in no rush to return home. Despite earlier reports that his wife was homesick, the Scotland international is keen to win further honours after a successful first year in Germany. He said: "European football is of the highest standard and I cannot see me leaving it. I have been learning all the time in Germany. We have a new Italian coach in Nevio Scala who has included me in all four games we have played this season so I assume I am in his plans."

### Grimsby keeper set to face Germany

BELFAST (AFP) — Grimsby goalkeeper Aidan Davison has received a late call-up to the Northern Ireland squad for Wednesday's World Cup qualifying match against Germany. Davison, 29, who has two international caps, replaces Alan Fennis after the Nottingham Forest man became the second goalkeeper to pull out of Bryan Hamilton's squad in four days. Fennis, who has a back problem, had been in line to take over from first choice Tommy Wright of Manchester City, an earlier injury victim. Hamilton must now choose between Davison and Wigan 19-year-old Roy Carroll for his last line of defence, with the Grimsby player likely to get the nod due to his greater experience.

### AC Milan squad visit fan in hospital

PORTO POTENZA PICENA, Italy (AFP) — Andrea Carloni, the teenage AC Milan fan who emerged from a coma after listening to taped messages from his favourite team, had a visit from them on Monday. Carloni had been in the coma since a motorcycle accident on February 28. At his father's request, AC Milan sent a tape with messages from both players and club president Silvio Berlusconi. He came out of the coma last month. Mauro Tassotti, who has just ended a 17-year career with Milan to take over their youth squad, paid a visit to the rehabilitation clinic here accompanied by members of the youth team and club officials. Carloni, 16, immediately recognised Tassotti and was able to exchange a few words with Milan's former star defender. The teenager, clearly moved by the occasion, also received two presents from his visitors — Franco Baresi's now legendary number six shirt and a ball signed by every member of the first team. When he has made a complete recovery, Berlusconi will organise a special celebration for Carloni at the club's Milanello training ground near the Swiss border.

### Sampras, Chang lead U.S. Davis Cup

WASHINGTON (AFP) — World No. 1 Pete Sampras and second-ranked Michael Chang will lead the United States against Australia in a Davis Cup semi-final tie here in September. U.S. Tennis Association officials said here Monday. Joining them on the U.S. team will be Alex O'Brien and former world number one Jim Courier. The competition will be September 19-21 on hard courts. Sampras last played in the Davis Cup in the 1995 final against Russia, where he won two singles matches and helped Todd Martin to win in doubles. Sampras has an 11-5 Davis Cup singles record. Chang, a member of the 1990 Davis Cup winners, is 6-2 in Davis Cup play. He won two singles matches against Mexico in last year's opening round in his most recent Davis Cup appearance.

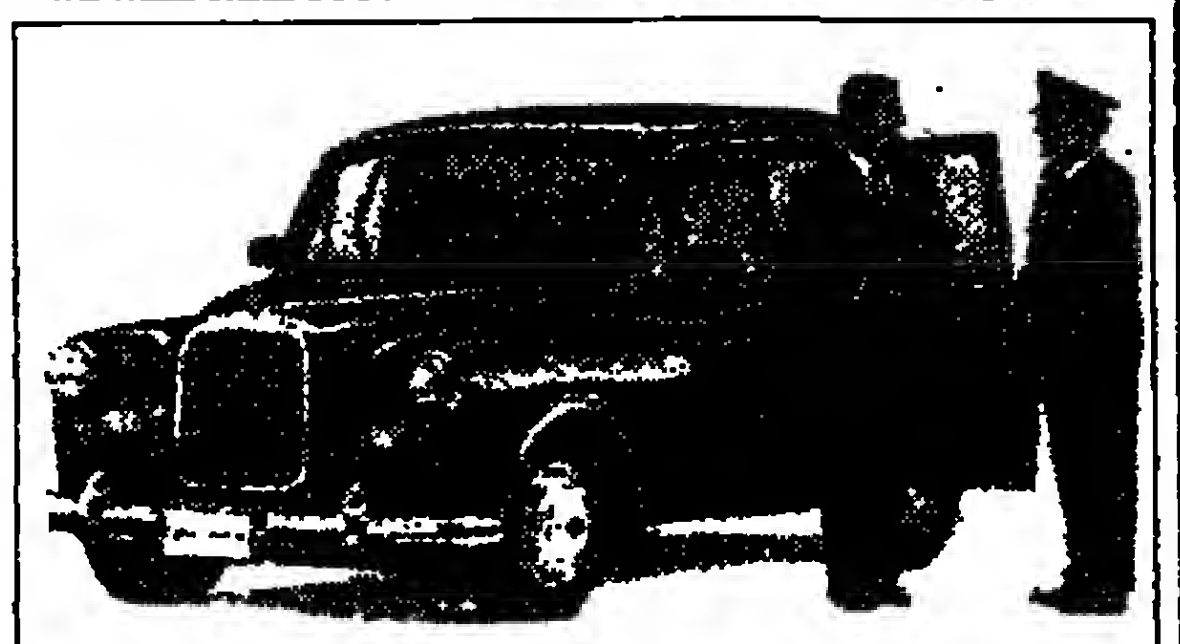
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